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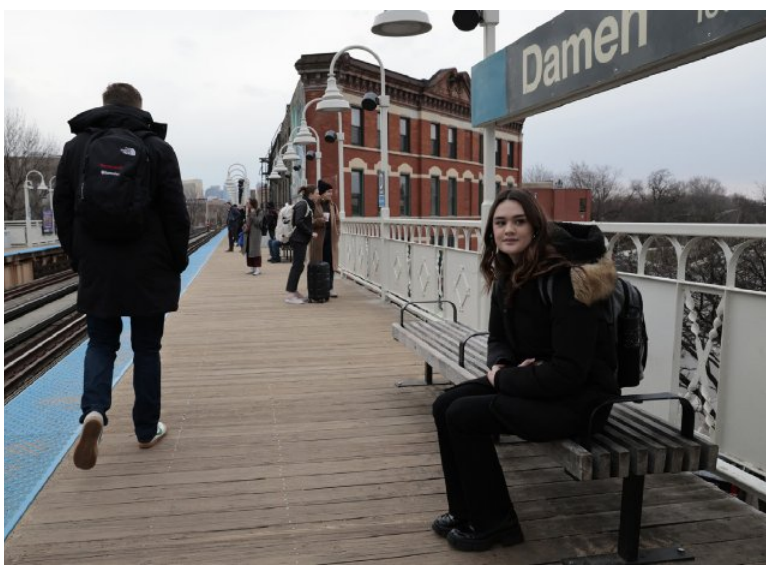

Delaney Doolin waits for her train at the CTA's Damen Blue Line station on March 29 to travel to her job at the Old Post Office building in downtown Chicago. **ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Unreliable CTA hurts riders, costs Chicago

Struggles with service, concerns about safety can hit city's economy

By Sarah Freishtat
Chicago Tribune

Many mornings, Malcolm Maurice times his arrival at his Pilsen CTA stop to get to his downtown office early.

But then he has to wait for the train. It might be delayed because of maintenance, or a person on the tracks.

Maurice, 28, has been docked several hours of pay because the train made him unusually late to his job at a nonprofit, he said, even though his boss is generally understanding of CTA delays. He lost more money when, about six months ago, he had to cancel a dance class he teaches in the evening because he was going to arrive too late.

"It's one of those things where I'm like, I need a bike or I need a car, and ... I feel like it's more stressful to drive than it is to ride the train and it's more stressful to ride a bike here than it is to ride the train," he said.

The CTA's struggles with service, rider concerns about safety and behaviors like smoking on buses and trains have meant time and money out of the pockets of riders like Maurice.

Employees have been late to work. They have switched jobs to ease commutes, and they've had

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Kevin Romero, left, and his husband, Philip Maziarz, hold their dogs Parker and Wickett on April 15 outside the home they're renovating in Chicago's Uptown neighborhood. **SHANNA MADISON/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

LGBTQ residents find fresh start in Illinois

Chicago attracting those seeking to move to more welcoming environment

By Lizzie Kane | Chicago Tribune

Mark Niehaus-Rincon, 67, has lived in Omaha, Nebraska, for 12 years but says "life is too short" to stay there.

He and his husband, Alex, a native of Omaha, have faced the silent treatment from others at their gym for 10 years. They've also dealt with uncomfortable and hostile workplace environments and homophobic slurs.

That treatment, combined with Nebraska's current legislative agenda — which includes restricting women's access to reproductive health care and limiting the rights of the LGBTQ community — helped push Niehaus-Rincon and his husband to relocate to Chicago. He said they are done compromising and hiding their true identities.

"We are just over it," Niehaus-Rincon said. "We aren't welcome here. ... I am ashamed to say I live in Nebraska ... and I don't want to be ashamed of where I live."

Niehaus-Rincon is not the only one relocating to Illinois from a state with a conservative legislative agenda and what he describes as an unwelcome environment.

Although there is no data cataloging these moves, real estate experts said a number of households have relocated to Illinois, or are preparing to relocate, in search of a safer and more welcoming environment for the LGBTQ community.

Roman Patzner, a real estate agent with Fulton Grace Realty in Chicago, said relocation activity picked up after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade last year, ending the

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"We are just over it. We aren't welcome here. ... I am ashamed to say I live in Nebraska ... and I don't want to be ashamed of where I live." *— Mark Niehaus-Rincon, who moved with his husband to Chicago*

Embassy cleared in under 1 hour

Biden praises airlift of dozens of staffers from Sudan capital

By Matthew Lee, Tara Copp and Aamer Madhani
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. special operations forces carried out a precarious evacuation of the U.S. Embassy in Sudan on Sunday, sweeping in and out of the capital with helicopters on the ground for less than an hour.

No shots were fired.

With the final embassy employee out of Khartoum, the United States shuttered its diplomatic mission indefinitely. Remaining behind in the East African nation are thousands of private American citizens. U.S. officials said it would be too dangerous to carry out a broader evacuation operation.

Battles between two rival Sudanese commanders had forced the closing of the main international airport and left roads out of the country in control of armed fighters. The skirmishes has killed more than 400 people.

In a statement thanking U.S. troops, President Joe Biden said he was receiving reports from his team on efforts to assist remaining Americans in Sudan "to the extent possible."

He also called for the end to "unconscionable" violence there.

About 100 U.S. troops in three MH-47 helicopters carried out the operation. They airlifted all of 70 remaining U.S. employees from a landing zone at the embassy to an undisclosed location in Ethiopia.

Ethiopia also provided overflight and refueling support, said Molly Phee, assistant secretary of state for African affairs.

Biden said Djibouti and Saudi Arabia provided assistance too.

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Proposal offers eco-friendly approach to burial

State legislation over 'human composting' meets some resistance

By Jeremy Gorner
Chicago Tribune

Daniel Hennessy's mother didn't want to be buried when she died, because she didn't want her body to take up any land.

He wasn't a fan of cremation, but given his mother's request, he felt that was the only option when she died a few years ago.

Hennessey began reading up on a process called natural organic reduction, which allows human remains to be converted into soil. It's also known as "human composting."

He came to find it both honorable and eco-friendly.

"I think that the human composting option appears to be the best for the environment. It makes sense. It's a slow process. So it feels a bit more dignified than being burned at 1,200 degrees," said Hennessy, a native of England who lives in Chicago.

At Hennessy's urging, state Rep. Kelly Cassidy, a Chicago Democrat, tried early last year to push through legislation that would

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Daniel Hennessy, of Chicago, supports legislation that would legalize natural organic reduction, also known as "human composting." **CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Feast of St. Adalbert at closed church

Over 40 people, many of them former parishioners, gathered Sunday afternoon outside the closed St. Adalbert Catholic Church in the Pilsen neighborhood to honor their patron saint on his feast day. **Chicagoland**

Bed, Bath & Beyond files for bankruptcy

One of the original big-box retailers, known for its seemingly endless offerings of sheets, towels and kitchen gadgets, said it will wind down operations and anticipates closing all of its stores by June 30. **Nation & World**

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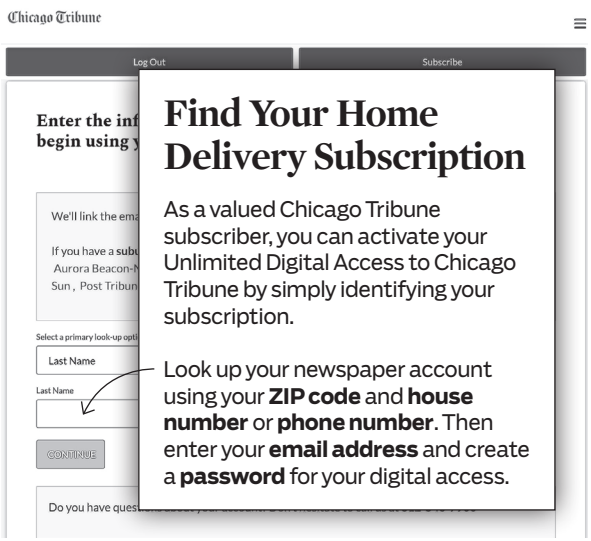
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Daniel Hennessy, of Chicago, hangs out with his dog, Biggie, at their home on Friday. Hennessy supports legislation that would legalize natural organic reduction, also known as human composting. **CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

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codify natural organic reduction as an alternative to handling human remains.

That effort failed, but Cassidy reintroduced the bill and, after a debate that included references to the 1973 dystopian thriller "Soylent Green," the Illinois House last month narrowly approved the measure, which is now before the Senate.

If Cassidy's legislation gets enough votes in that chamber and is signed by Gov. J.B. Pritzker, Illinois would become the seventh state in the country to legalize the process. Cassidy has also indicated that she wishes to have her remains go through human composting.

"Many of the providers have found really beautiful ways for families to memorialize their loved ones by building conservation spaces where very often they're taking land that is otherwise unusable, restoring it to health and creating a really lovely beautiful place where people can go and meditate and be with their loved ones without the carbon footprint involved in a traditional burial," Cassidy said on the House floor moments before the bill passed with only three votes to spare, 63-38.

State Rep. Steven Reick, a Republican from Woodstock, voiced strong opposition to the proposal, and brought the abortion rights positions of Cassidy and other Democrats into the debate.

"This is coming, of course, from people to whom an embryo is nothing but a mass of cells that can be disposed of when inconvenient and now we see that at the end of life, we're nothing more than food for worms," Reick said.

Reick likened the potential effects of the legislation to the fictional scenario in "Soylent Green," which depicts an environmentally degraded Earth of the future where the masses are left to eat the title substance, the provenance of which is bellowed out by Charlton Heston as the movie ends.

"I don't know if anybody remembers back to the old movie "Soylent Green," Reick said. "I think we're going to probably reach that point in this debate. Because as we all know, 'Soylent Green is people.' "

One of Reick's GOP colleagues, freshman state Rep. Travis Weaver of Edwards, ended up voting for the bill and rebutted Reick's argument about abortion.

"I am as pro-life as anybody, from womb to tomb. However, for this bill, I believe that once we've reached the tomb, I do believe that it's an opportunity of liberty and freedom to what you choose to do with your own body," Weaver said.

Katrina Spade runs a full-service funeral home and human composting facility in Seattle. She said she understands that it can take some time for the public to wrap their heads around the idea of human composting.

"To bring up this, this very new idea that forces us to think about our mortality can be quite shocking," she said. "It's really important that proponents of natural organic reduction are being careful to couch the process in terms that allow for people to absorb the idea."

Katrina Spade, the founder and CEO of Recompose, displays a sample of the compost material left from the decomposition of a cow, left, and some of the combination of wood chips, alfalfa and straw used in the process, on April 19, 2019, in Seattle. **ELAINE THOMPSON/AP**

State Rep. Kelly Cassidy speaks at an event on Nov. 1, 2021, in Chicago. **BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Since 2020, she said, her business, called Recompose, has composted more than 250 bodies. She said more than 1,300 other people have also signed up for the process when it's their time.

To break down nonembalmed human remains, they are placed in a container, or vessel, atop a bed of wood chips, alfalfa and straw, with similar materials placed over the remains, to enable microbial activity, she said. For about two months the microbial activity breaks down the remains into soil, which is given to the families.

"You can receive back, after they've been transformed, this soil that's actually nutrient rich, actually can go on to grow new life," Spade said. "And for many people, we hear that's very comforting to know that after they've died ... they will live on in a way."

She said her business also has a partnership with an environmental nonprofit that accepts extra soil that families of the deceased don't want to keep. That soil is then used for projects to regenerate forestry, she said.

Some have religious objections to the method. Robert Gilligan, executive director of the Catholic Conference of Illinois, said the legislation "clearly lacks traditional dignity" reserved for the dead.

"Turning human persons into compost for the purposes of fertilization that would occur with vegetable trimmings, eggshells, etc., it degrades the human person and we think it dishonors a life that was lived by that person. And it affects the memory of that person and all those who knew that individual," Gilligan said. "Every human being is not just something, but someone."

Last month, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops announced its position on new methods and technologies for how to treat human remains. Through its committee on doctrine, the conference said that burial is the "preferred method" but that cremation is acceptable as long as the ashes are "laid to rest in a sacred place."

The bishops conference took issue with human composting as well as another method of handling human remains called alkaline hydrolysis, a process that involves dissolving a body in dozens of gallons of liquid that could be discarded into wastewater systems. In its statement, the bishops conference said both methods are "not sufficiently respectful of the human body."

"There is nothing distinguishably left of the body to be placed in a casket or an urn and laid to rest in a sacred place where Christian faithful can visit for prayer and remembrance," the statement said of human composting.

Spade said the process can include a memorial service or celebration of life for the deceased and that human composting is "one of the most respectful ways of caring for a body."

"It is a way of returning us gently back to the earth from which we came," she said.

Dan Brady, a former longtime Republican state representative who is a licensed funeral director in Bloomington, questioned the logistics of the human composting process, such as how to transport the compost.

He also questioned how much demand there would be for human composting if it were to be legalized in Illinois, compared with cremations and burials, and how safe the process would be.

"The natural process of decomposition of the body is not a pleasant thing, and you're looking at holding bodies for upward to over a month as this process would be carried out," said Brady, who was the McLean County coroner in the 1990s. "What would be done if you have someone with a communicable disease?"

The Illinois comptroller's office would have to regulate the human composting process in the state if it gets final approval from lawmakers and is signed into law by Pritzker. The office already has rules and regulations set up for alkaline hydrolysis.

Under Cassidy's legislation, the vessels used for human composting would have to be made of stainless steel and be leakproof. Facilities used for the process must be licensed by the state to perform such work.

Hennessy, who reached out to Cassidy about initiating the legislation, started a change.org petition on human composting in his native England a couple of years ago. The website set a goal for the petition to acquire 2,500 signatures. As of last week, it was about 270 short.

Some of the people who commented on the petition gave varying reasons for their support of human composting. One commenter wrote, in part, "People should become part of the earth instead of just taking up space."

Another comment said, "I would like an environmentally friendly funeral. Current practices are not sustainable & toxic to the environment."

Another said, "Composting makes the most sense and is the closest to what would happen naturally."

"There are so many things to think about if you're thinking about it from the environmental point of view," Hennessy said. "If you don't want your last wish to harm the planet, then there's not many options out there."

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Bronislawa Stekala speaks about preserving St. Adalbert Catholic Church during a celebration of the Feast of St. Adalbert outside the closed church in Pilsen neighborhood on Sunday.

St. Adalbert celebrated outside closed church

Former congregants remember parish with Polish roots

By Olivia Alexander
Chicago Tribune

Ald. Byron Sigcho Lopez, 25th, dances with Felipa Arguello to a mariachi band during the celebration outside the closed church on Sunday. **EILEEN T. MESLAR/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS**

Over 40 people, many of them former parishioners, gathered Sunday afternoon outside the closed St. Adalbert Catholic Church in Pilsen to honor their patron saint on his feast day.

The celebration began with a Litany to St. Adalbert, the church's and Poland's shared patron saint. The group offered petitions first in Polish, then Spanish, then English.

"St. Adalbert, faithful to God, pray for us," the prayer went. "St. Adalbert, glory of the Holy Cross, pray for us."

Following the prayers, a band from Holy Trinity Polish Catholic Church and Mariachi La Barca Jalisco played in the street in front of the scaffolded church building as people danced along. Those gathered at the corner of West 17th and South Paulina streets ate paczkis and sernik, Polish doughnuts and cheesecake, as well as tacos and tamales.

St. Adalbert closed its doors in 2019. Cardinal Blase Cupich of the Archdiocese of Chicago attributed the decision to declining parish populations and the "significant investment" needed to make church building renovations.

The church held its last Mass in July 2019. Since parishioners first heard in 2017 that the church would be closing, a group of them has been steadily fighting to keep St. Adalbert open.

In November, after months of protests by former congregants, the archdiocese had the replica of Michelangelo's La Pieta statue, which depicts Mary cradling Jesus' body on her lap after the crucifixion, moved from the historic church to St. Paul Catholic Church, about a mile southwest.

Protesters of the move told the Tribune that the statue's removal would bring the church closer to a point of no return. An archdiocese statement said the "valued community treasure can be better safeguarded and preserved in an active parish church."

And the archdiocese's multiple unsuccessful attempts to sell the building have been met with opposition from the former parishioners — and prayer.

One group of former St. Adalbert congregants, the St. Adalbert Rosary Group, meets every Friday evening to pray the rosary outside the church with the intention of saving St. Adalbert. On Sundays, they pray the rosary outside Holy Name Cathedral.

Anna Leja, a rosary group member, attended Polish-language services at St. Adalbert before it closed.

She said her hope for the feast day event, and for all of the rosary group's prayers, is to catch the attention of the cardinal and stop the church from falling out of sacred use.

"We are always praying here and in front of the cathedral for a change of heart of Cardinal Cupich so he allows this church to be reopened, and so we can gather in this church for Masses and prayers and to celebrate all our events," Leja said.

She said one potential property buyer has turned a former synagogue in Miami into a private event venue that hosts sordid activities. If the same happened with the St. Adalbert building, Church law, know as canon law, would be broken, Leja said.

She also mentioned her concerns about the crime reported in the neighborhoods surrounding the church. Leja said that young people today need safe places to come together, and vibrant parish communities can serve that purpose.

The St. Adalbert Church building, deconsecrated as an approved place of worship following its final Mass, sits at 1650 W. 17th St. The church was first constructed in 1874 to serve Polish immigrant families settling in the area. In 1912, the church was rebuilt following a fire.

The former congregation has maintained its Polish roots to this day, even though Polish immigrants have since dispersed from Pilsen, a neighborhood that is now home to a large Hispanic immigrant community.

Demetrio Reyes, a St. Adalbert parishioner for over 25 years, passed out tamales with his wife in front of the church Sunday afternoon. He said they were married at St. Adalbert and have fought to reopen their church. They pray with the rosary group and come to the church every Sunday to thank God, he said.

"That's why we are here, to say to the cardinal, 'We are here celebrating. A lot of people want to reopen the St. Adalbert Church,' " Reyes said.

Ald. Byron Sigcho-Lopez, 25th, attended the event after being invited by former parishioners and residents. He said he supports the community members fighting against the sale of St. Adalbert and is glad see the Polish and Mexican communities working together to ask the city and archdiocese to work together to create a path forward for the church.

"The community has made it clear that they don't want more churches to become for-profit spaces," Sigcho-Lopez said. "But to remain a community space, and a faith based space, and that's what we hope for."

Former parishioner Julie Sawicki, Society of St. Adalbert president, said the Polish community in Pilsen built the church for the benefit of future generations.

She said the congregation will continue gathering until there are plans in place to set the church up for another 150 years.

"We're not giving up on this," Sawicki said. "We'll be here as long as it takes."

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Record Store Day hits all the right notes for vinyl fans

New releases from Taylor Swift, other artists bring collectors out to local shops

By David Sharos
For Beacon-News

With the recent cold snap, spring was not in the air Friday night heading into Saturday morning, but Batavia resident Brandon Smith said he knew full well what he was in for.

"I've done this before, more than five times," Smith said Saturday morning while he and more than 50 waited outside the local Kiss the Sky record store for it to open for Record Store Day. "I've done the lottery and actually really like it, but this is a little bit different, just trying to figure out when you want to get out here. I was here at 7 o'clock last night, and didn't think I'd be first in line."

Smith and company were not alone as thousands throughout the world celebrated the 16th annual Record Store Day on Saturday, an event for vinyl record enthusiasts that was first conceived back in 2007 and launched a year later.

Each year, in honor of Record Store Day, a number of collectible, limited release records become available at independent stores including nearly 100 shops in Illinois.

Bozeman, Montana, resident Michael Kurtz, 63, who founded Record Store Day, said this year's list of slightly more than 300 releases is "one of the best ever."

"This is the best list we've ever done. The number, itself, is a little smaller and we're trying to get it down to more like 250 releases, or stores just get fatigued when they look at the list," he said. "You've got Taylor Swift — one of the biggest artists of our time — giving record stores an exclusive album. The release is so huge they had to press over 100,000 copies of it. That's like having the Beatles giving record stores an exclusive album when they were huge, it's that big."

According to the Recording Industry Association of America, vinyl outsold CDs in 2022, noting that "the last time vinyl records were this popular was in 1987."

The older vinyl format — which was replaced by digital technology — has recaptured a portion of the market despite now costing more than five times what it did 40 years ago.

"This was what we hoped to get to 15 years ago," Kurtz said of vinyl record sales. "We wanted to make vinyl records the way hardcore fans buy music. We can all stream or whatever it is but if we want to keep it, it's vinyl. Turntable, speaker, headphone sales are bigger than ever. But with most regular releases being only pressed at 20,000 copies or so things become instantly collectible."

Kurtz adds that another generation of fans is coming to carry the vinyl wave forward. Based on demographic feedback he has gotten from stores during previous Record Store Days, "the average of age of someone coming in is 28 years old."

"When we first started it was 62," he said.

Aurora resident Steve Warrenfeltz, 71, who owns the Kiss the Sky record store in Batavia, said that the sales numbers bode "well for vinyl, given that it's been around for more than 150 years now" but adds that those results still pale in comparison to "when records were in their heyday."

"There was a time when vinyl was selling 350 to 400 million units and last year, it barely reached 40-million, so it's about 10% of what it was at its peak," Warrenfeltz said. "Is it back? Relatively speaking, I guess you could say 'yes' but it's still not where it could be. Major labels are not putting a lot of money and resources into producing vinyl. That charge is being led by smaller, independent labels."

Other retailers like West Chicago resident Russell Martens, 50, who has owned the St. Charles-based Hoarders Trading Post record shop the past four years, likewise argues that supplies of vinyl are holding back what could be an even bigger movement.

"Imagine if labels had been able to supply the demand that was there, that's the biggest thing," Martens said. "The demand has been about four times greater than what the supply was. Every day, I have to tell somebody I don't have a copy of something."

Martens fears the price of new vinyl records that are going for $25 to $30 or more may make it hard to keep younger fans as customers.

"There was a time you could go and buy 20 records on Friday on a payday for $4.99 apiece and these kids have to work two or three hours to afford one record, so how are you going to keep them as customers?" he said.

David Sharos is a freelance reporter for The Beacon-News.

CTA Blue Line passengers wait for a train on Feb. 7 at the Clark/Lake station in Chicago during the afternoon rush. **JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

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to abandon plans to travel downtown for a day in the office because of transit delays. It's a frustration and inconvenience for riders trying to get to jobs, appointments or social outings around "The City That Works."

And the struggles cost Chicago, experts said. Challenges getting employees and visitors downtown — including the tens of thousands expected as the city hosts the Democratic National Convention next summer — are a hit to the city's economic heart, which is still facing lower office occupancy than in 2019 and a hospitality industry recovering from the pandemic.

Reluctance to get on trains or buses can be one barrier to key efforts to boost residential development downtown and development near transit across the city.

The CTA has made strides to improve the reliability of bus and train service, and the violent crime rate on trains dropped in 2022, though it remained well above pre-pandemic levels. But the agency continues to contend with shortages of train and bus operators, sometimes longer wait times and a looming financial shortfall. As residents increasingly change the way they live and commute, CTA ridership in February was 56% of 2019 levels.

Addressing these challenges is one more item on a long to-do list for Mayor-elect Brandon Johnson, with the future of the city's historically robust transit system hanging in the balance.

Public transit is a key economic driver for Chicago and the surrounding area. The Regional Transportation Authority estimates the area's three public transit agencies provided $17.2 billion in regional benefits in 2022, including direct spending, economic impacts and increased productivity and economic output.

The state of public transit is a concern for members of the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, said Brad Tietz, the chamber's vice president of government relations and strategy. It's affecting residents' willingness to go into the Loop, and that means less spending and lower tax collections in the region's economic engine and difficulty for small businesses that rely on foot traffic, he said.

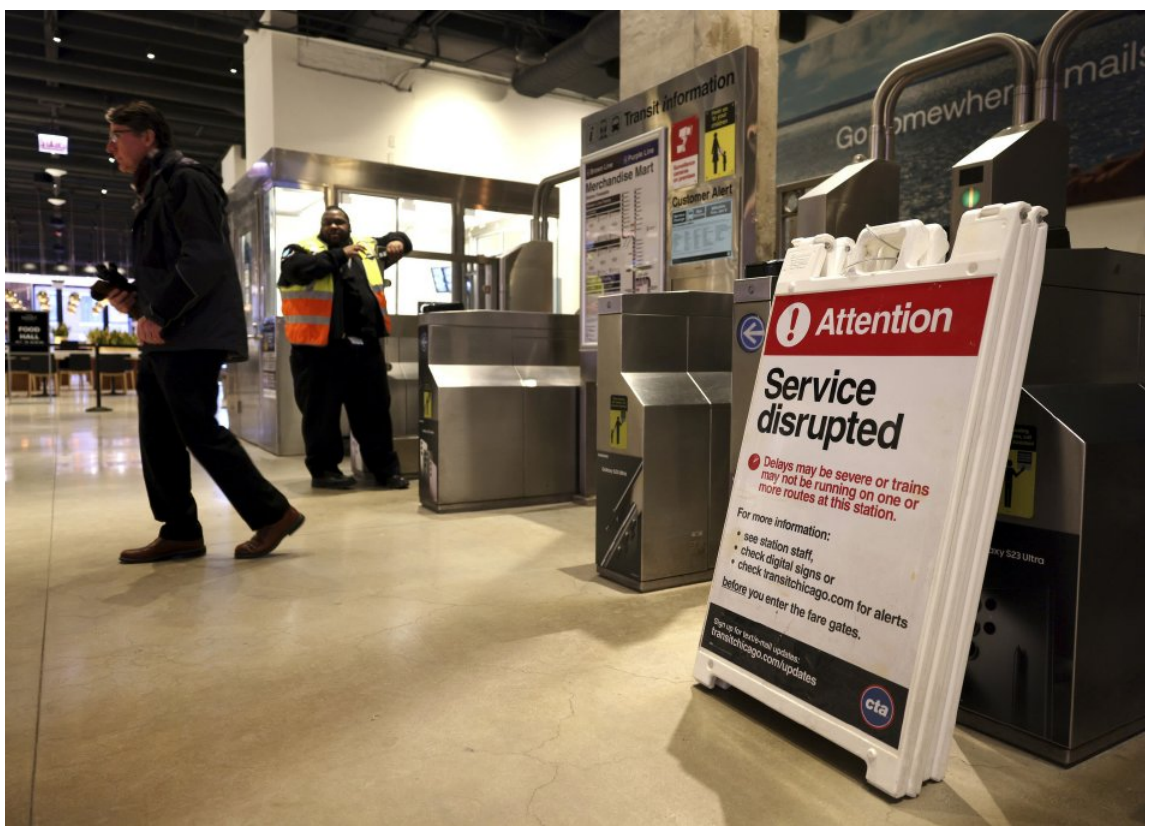
"What would give (employers) some level of comfort in trying to say, 'Hey, come back to the office,' is reliable and safe public transit," Tietz said.

Delaney Doolin's bosses prefer that employees go into their office in the Old Post Office building downtown two days a week, she said, but her CTA commute from the Damen Blue Line stop can be a challenge.

Sometimes on her way home, Doolin, 24, has to shell out $50 or $60 for a ride-share because she can't get on a train, she said. On several mornings earlier this year she stood on the platform watching multiple trains go by, each too crowded to board. They were spaced about 10 minutes apart, she said, and she finally gave up and went home.

"(I) ended up just saying, 'I'm just going home; I'll work from home today,' " she said.

Since then, the CTA has added extra trains along the most crowded section of the Blue Line — which is among the transit system's busiest — and begun providing live video feeds of the line's busiest stations, so commuters can monitor crowding. Doolin said she's noticed service getting better in recent weeks.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With a sign reading "service disrupted," a passenger is directed away from the Merchandise Mart CTA station after a track power outage shut part of the CTA's system on March 14. **CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Still, the days she decided to work from home can add up for the city's downtown. In one estimate, researchers at the University of Chicago, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México, MIT and Stanford University calculated that working from home led the average Chicago employee to spend $2,387 less per year near their workplace on things like food and shopping than they did in 2019.

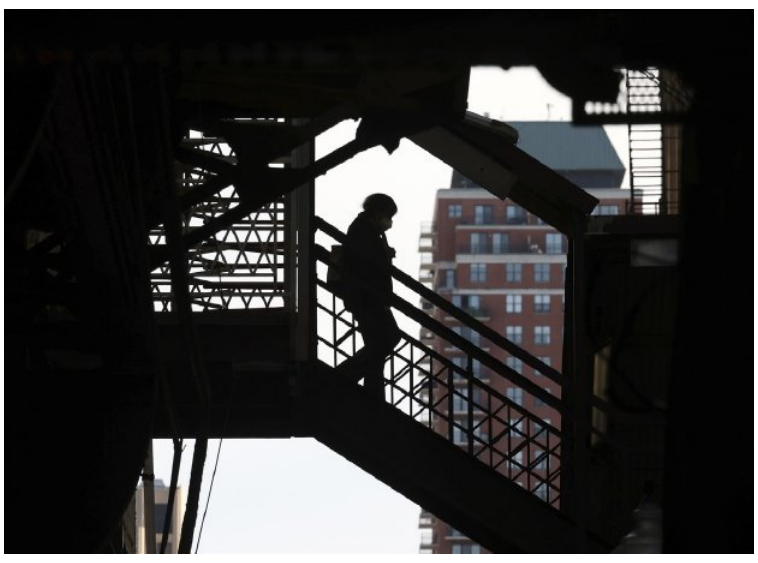
It's unclear whether employees might have instead spent some of that money closer to home, and public transit isn't the only factor that goes into deciding whether to work from home. But that figure amounts to money that is not going into the downtown economy, said José María Barrero of the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México, one of the researchers.

It's not just downtown spending that could take a hit. Public transit plays a role in drawing prospective residents to downtown Chicago, too, said Yonah Freemark, a researcher at the Urban Institute who focuses on land use and transportation. Especially the booming South Loop and West Loop.

Chicago's downtown population grew faster than any of the country's other large metro areas in the four decades before the pandemic, according to a 2020 report by the Brookings Institution. More recently, the city has pledged financial support to convert empty offices along LaSalle Street to apartments.

Should transit problems force residents to begin relying more on cars, residential growth might not be sustainable, Freemark said. Construction costs rise when parking must be included, and living in a dense downtown becomes less desirable when residents are dependent on cars, he said.

"At that point you start to raise the question of what you're doing living in a dense urban environment in the first place," Freemark said. "One of the attractions of



A CTA passenger descends a stairwell on April 6 at the Adams/Wabash station on April 6. **JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

living in that kind of environment is, fundamentally, that you're not having to spend the enormous amounts of money it takes to take a car everyday."

Access to many train lines was one reason Jason Freeman, 41, chose to live in the Printers Row section of the South Loop when he moved back to Chicago from New York City in 2020. But conditions on the train — smoking, behavior from other riders that seemed to him to be aggressive, hearing from neighbors that they refused to get on at one nearby station — made him worry about getting caught in a bad situation.

Freeman said he teaches Brazilian jujitsu and knows how to handle himself, but still, he stopped taking public transit.

Freeman recently moved away from Printers Row to River North. He made the decision for a variety of reasons, but among them was his reluctance to use public transit in his neighborhood.

"I feel like I'm in an area where I can't utilize the assets of that area," he said.

In the Loop, Steven DeGraff is part of a group looking to convert a historic office building at 36 W. Randolph St. to residential use. He doesn't think CTA service will affect future demand to live in the building because of the type of apartment he's looking to create — studios that will likely draw residents looking primarily to live near work or school — but said it could be one of many barriers to plans to convert LaSalle Street offices to residential use.

LaSalle Street isn't packed with restaurants, bars or grocery stores, he said. Residents without cars would be more dependent on buses or trains.

"You really don't have any amenities down there," he said.

Transit service has also shaped Tamara Kruse Roselius' desire to visit Chicago and buy property in the city. Kruse Roselius, 62, lives in Fairbanks, Alaska, and regularly stops in Chicago on her way to visit her mom in downstate Quincy. She was trying to convince her son to attend college in Chicago.

But on one visit in spring 2022, she said she and her son were stuck underground on the Red Line when there was a disturbance in the next car. They had taken a train from O'Hare International Airport and were making their way to their Gold Coast hotel one evening when the fracas broke out. After what she described as a long wait without much information about what was going on, a CTA employee helped riders walk off the train and along the tunnel to the closest station, Kruse Roselius lugging her suitcase.

She praised CTA employees' response, but said the experience was scary and rattled her son. He made it to one college tour at the Illinois Institute of Technology that she had set up for their visit, but didn't want to attend a second tour at the University of Illinois Chicago.

"This is an 18-year-old kid that's coming from Alaska, and that's just everything, the 'big bad city of Chicago,' you read about. And I've been telling him it's not (like that)," she said.

Kruse Roselius still visits Chicago, but bypasses the city if she's scheduled to arrive in the Midwest at night. She doesn't want to take public transit after dark, and doesn't want to have to pay for a ride-share from the airport.

She had been considering buying a condo in the city, perhaps near Hyde Park, to be closer to her mom. She's now thinking about buying in Oak Park instead.

"Chicago, from childhood on, has been one of my favorite places," she said. "It's my dad's favorite place. I love going for the shopping, the food, all of it. But none of it matters if the transit isn't safe, clean and available."

The CTA has also meant changes for Chicago residents like Ryan Ray. It played a role in her decision to switch jobs, easing her commute from her home in Chatham.

Ray, 35, used to take two buses to get to the community services organization where she worked in the West Loop. But, at the time, she found the bus trackers weren't accurate. She was often ghosted by buses that never arrived, or had long waits to transfer.

The Red Line would have shortened her commute, but she doesn't feel safe taking the train because of the reports of violence she hears about, she said.

Since then, CTA has worked to upgrade its trackers and changed bus schedules to try to make wait times more consistent. Ray said she has noticed the trackers have become more accurate.

Ray got a new job where she has to go into her downtown office only four days a month. When she goes in, she can take one bus, and it rarely makes her late. The ability to work from home and the prospect of fewer days commuting on public transit were key factors in her decision to make a change, she said.

Fewer days in the office mean fewer days she is running errands downtown, buying lunch or stopping at Block 37 or Macy's, she said. It has meant less time on public transit, and fewer nights that she comes home too tired to make dinner.

"Since changing jobs and having to be on the bus a lot less, it's been much more pleasurable," she said.

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Help needed for lead pipe fix in Waukegan

Officials seek residents' input so work goes quickly ahead of repaving streets

By Steve Sadin
For News-Sun

As Waukegan officials race to find out which of 1,146 homes on 14 different streets have a lead pipe connecting the residence to the city's water supply before construction starts on those roadways later this summer, help from residents can simplify the task.

City engineer Jesus Alquicira said the city is attempting to learn which of the homes have a lead pipe connection from the municipal water main into individual residences, ranging from uploading photographs to going door to door for a private inspection.

"If you fill out the survey, then we don't have to knock on your door," Alquicira said.

Mayor Ann Taylor said in an email she urges people to complete the inspection through an online process, but most important is cooperation from the residents whether they live on one of the 14 streets involved or when work will be done on their home in the future.

"Resident participation will ensure safe drinking water for this generation and the following generations of Waukeganites," Taylor said in the email. "It really takes a lot of civic engagement, and our team has been working very hard on this project.

Representatives of the city are currently going door to door through the areas designated for work so all lead pipe replacements in the first phase of the project can be finished before the 14 streets are repaved later in the summer.

Homes in the first phase range from the southern city limits to Greenwood Avenue in the far northern part of town. Alquicira said they follow a list submitted by members of the City Council designating streets prioritized for repaving.

"We don't want residents' streets to be repaved, and then have to be torn up a year later," Alquicira said. "We want to remove the lead pipes before we resurface the streets."

Of the 1,146 affected homes, Alquicira said he estimates 400 may need a new connector pipe. Homes built after the late 1950s likely have galvanized or copper pipes and are not impacted. Older buildings, some built in the 19th century, likely are. It is a 20-year project.

Alquicira said the city will replace the lead pipe from the water main on the roadway to the water meter inside the home. Though not required by the Illinois Environmental Agency (IEPA), the city will also replace galvanized pipes at no cost to residents.

If a person has lead pipes inside the home, Alquicira said the property owner must pay for that if they want them replaced.

Diane Moeller, the project engineer with the firm of Robinson Engineering which is assisting the city with the project, said residents are urged to go to the survey at https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/62dcfd24f8a544229df2d5ef22968bf0.

Moeller said participants can take a picture of their water pipe connection at the meter and upload it onto the survey. From there, city officials or Robinson personnel can determine the pipes' material and let residents know whether replacement is necessary. Help is a phone call away, she said.

"They can call (847-590-4624) and set up an appointment for a city employee to come to their home," Moeller said, referring to people who need technical help or do not have an internet connection.

Funding for the initial phase, which Alquicira said should be complete by the end of January, is coming from $19.7 million the city received from the American Rescue Plan in 2021.

Alquicira said he estimates the project will cost approximately $90 million over 20 or more years. Moeller said the IEPA has a loan program — potentially forgivable — offering $4 million a year for five years. Potential funding sources are being discussed.

"The IEPA has low-interest and forgivable loans," Moeller said. "IEPA funding is one way which this can be done."

Streets scheduled for work include Sheridan Road between Glen Flora and Greenwood avenues. Other roadways are parts of 1st, 2nd, and 4th streets, Ash Street, Berwick Boulevard, Butrick Street, Cornelia Avenue, Elmwood Avenue, Franklin Street and Glen Flora.

Additional streets include Hamilton Court, Hyde Park Avenue, Judge Avenue, McAllister Avenue, Massena Avenue, Poplar Street, Tamara Court and Yeoman Street.

Naperville to ask Edward Hospital to rename road for Davis

By Suzanne Baker
Naperville Sun

Naperville will ask Edward Hospital to rename another street on the hospital campus after longtime administrator Pam Davis because a section of the existing roadway that bears her name will be taken over by new development.

The Naperville City Council this week approved the plans for a three-story, 96,430-square-foot medical office on 2.31 acres at the southwest corner of Martin Avenue and Washington Street that will serve as a cardiovascular center.

To make way for the structure and adjacent parking lots, developer Ryan Cos. will reroute Pam Davis Drive and close the roadway's entrance to and exit from Washington Street.

Mayor Steve Chirico said Naperville has become known as a city that provides great health services, and Davis is largely responsible for that.

He's spoken with the hospital board, he said, and members are supportive of renaming Osler Drive in her honor and out of respect for what she's done for the community.

For more than 28 years Davis headed Edward Hospital, and later Edward-Elmhurst, transforming Edward from a small community hospital into a regional medical center.

In the late 1990s and early 2000s, during her eight-year tenure as president and CEO, Davis led a multitude of development initiatives that included opening the first medically-based fitness center in DuPage County and building the first all-private inpatient rooms in Illinois.

It also was during that time Davis and her team made plans to expand into Plainfield and build $218 million hospital.

During the application process Edward was urged by state officials to hire builder Jacob Kiferbaum's firm to construct the hospital, only to have the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board ultimately reject the facility.

Davis has said she felt she was being strong-armed into working with individuals who had no experience in building hospitals, and ultimately she contacted the FBI about the situation.

For eight months she secretly wore listening devices for the FBI in an effort to gather evidence about possible extortion in connection with Edward's hospital proposal.

Her efforts shed light on corruption in former Gov. Rod Blagojevich's administration.

In 2016 Davis announced her plans to step down as system CEO.

Construction of the medical office building is scheduled to begin this summer.

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$1M grant helps start e-waste recycling center

Rescue plan funds used to aid facility at South Suburban College

By Mike Nolan
Daily Southtown

Obsolete personal computers, outdated microwave ovens and old bedding can find new life at a Cook County-funded recycling center at South Suburban College in South Holland.

Called the Center for Hard to Recycle Materials, the collection point is meant to divert from landfills those items that don't fit the typical parameters of household recycling programs, and its location is meant to recognize that curbside recycling isn't universal in the south suburbs.

Cook County is providing a grant of nearly $1 million to the college, 15800 State St., using federal American Rescue Plan Act money.

The money will enable South Suburban to hire a sustainability coordinator and will use student interns at the college to staff the center, according to Anthony Tindall, coordinator with Cook County's Department of Environment and Sustainability.

Much of what is collected will be repurposed or reused, according to Tindall.

Students at South Suburban College in South Holland help in setting up the new Center for Hard to Recycle Materials. **SOUTH SUBURBAN COLLEGE**

"A goal is keeping those hard-to-recycle materials out of landfills," he said Friday.

Another benefit could be reducing illegal fly-dumping of items such as electronics, with the South Suburban College center being one of few places where e-waste can be regularly recycled.

The county has partnered with PCs for People to refurbish and reuse electronics such as laptops, personal computers and accessories, Tindall said. Landline phones, fax machines, desktop printers and printer ink and toner cartridges are also on the acceptable list for the recycling center.

Along with the typical household recyclables such as paper, cardboard, glass and metals, the site will accept clothing — even castoff undergarments — and bedding, drapes and shoes. Small kitchen appliances, desks, upholstered chairs, tools and hardware will also being collected.

Wheelchairs, mobility scooters, crutches and walkers will also be accepted, and those items will be cleaned up and offered to homeless shelters and thrift stores, Tindall said.

Plastic foam packaging such as what accompanies furniture and appliances will also be collected, with it being melted down and formed into new uses, he said.

Located on the north side of the college, the center will be open from 7 a.m. until noon on Tuesdays, 2 to 7 p.m. Thursdays and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month, according to the county.

Televisions will be accepted only on the Saturdays the center is open, Tindall said.

More information and a list of other accepted materials is at www.cookcountyil.gov/CHaRMCenter.

Questions about the program can also be directed to wasteandrecycling@cookcountyil.gov or by calling 312-603-8200, option 2, according to the county.

In locating the center at South Suburban, the county looked at municipalities in suburban Cook County "that have no or very little recycling happening, and the vast majority are in the south suburbs," Tindall said.

"The county wanted to find a partner with regional gravitas to help encourage residents in that area to recycle," he said. "They are a key pillar in those communities that we are trying to target."

Partnering with the county helps South Suburban further its environmental and sustainability efforts, Lynette Stokes, the college's president, said in a news release.

"The partnership will allow SSC to act as a community steward and lead by example, promoting materials for reuse and recycle to ultimately reduce waste," Stokes said. "The permanent recycling drop-off facility is easily accessible to Cook County residents, fosters the local environment's health and educates the local community on the importance of recycling."

Tindall said the county's grant to South Suburban extends to 2026, but that the college has agreed to continue operating the recycling center beyond that.

He said that the college facility will, on occasions, accept hazardous household wastes such as antifreeze, aerosol paints, drain cleaners and fluorescent lamp bulbs. Cook County plans to establish in suburban Cook, by sometime in 2025, a permanent facility to take hazardous household waste, Tindall said.

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constitutional right to an abortion and leaving many in the LGBTQ community worried about whether their same-sex marriage rights would continue to be protected.

"Because you had what was widely viewed as a federally protected right and the rug was pulled out from (under you)," Patzner said of Roe v. Wade. "In the LGBTQ community, everyone viewed that as a problem for marriage equality, federally."

Real estate agents said Illinois, which has since signed legislation expanding protections for abortion patients, has emerged as an attractive state for those looking to relocate. But it's also expensive to move, particularly to larger urban environments like Chicago, where housing tends to be less affordable.

Philip Maziarz steadies his husband, Kevin Romero, as he changes batteries for a fire alarm on April 15 in a home they're renovating in Uptown. **SHANNA MADISON/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Legislative agendas create fear

Lizzie Maldonado, 35, who uses she or they pronouns, moved her family to Illinois — where she and her husband grew up — last summer after having lived in Fort Worth, Texas, for nearly 15 years.

She said she moved for a variety of reasons, including wanting to be closer to family, wanting better support for her children who have learning disabilities and due to the attacks on reproductive, LGBTQ and immigrant rights in Texas.

"As birthing-aged people, it makes us really nervous to have the state be that involved in health care decisions," said Maldonado, who works for a nonprofit. "Raising kids and not knowing what their futures look like and wanting to be in a state that is not hostile to children felt important."

Rodrigo Heng-Lehtinen, executive director of the National Center for Transgender Equality, said that many families with transgender children are caught between staying in their hometown, where health care may be restricted, or moving to get the treatment their child needs.

"We are hearing from more and more families all the time who are gravely concerned about this," said Heng-Lehtinen, who noted that there have been about 135 bills aimed at limiting health care access for transgender individuals this legislative year. "One hundred thirty-five is astounding and unprecedented and really strikes fear into parents' hearts. ... It is very scary for trans people themselves and leaving a lot of families scrambling to figure out what they need to do next."

The American Civil Liberties Union reports that over the last few years, a record number of bills that target LGBTQ rights have been introduced in state legislatures. For the 2023 legislative session, the ACLU finds that there have been 467 anti-LGBTQ bills introduced in state legislatures, with none reported in Illinois, as of April 18. Abortion is legal in Illinois but many of its neighboring states have banned or are in the process of banning it.

Bob McCranie runs a website called "Flee Red States" as a part of his Texas Pride Realty Group, which is part of a North Texas-based real estate company. He started Flee Red States in June and works with members of the LGBTQ+ Real Estate Alliance across the country to help members of the LGBTQ community move. So far, he said his company has helped about 25 families, including Maldonado's.

"There is a migration going on. We need to be aware of it and help people, and we need to document it," McCranie said. "(Right-wing lawmakers) need to know that their hate is causing this."

Redfin found that about half of 1,023 survey respondents among people who recently moved to a new metro area favored living in a place where it's illegal to discriminate based on "gender/sexual orientation," as of 2021.

After considering leaving, some people also decided to stay in Chicago.

Kevin Romero, 41, who grew up in New Mexico, said he knew in high school that he wanted to move closer to a big city to find a larger LGBTQ community and because he was afraid he wouldn't be accepted elsewhere as a gay man.

In Chicago since 2007, he now lives in Andersonville with his husband, Philip Maziarz, as they wait for renovations to be completed on a house they bought in 2020 in Uptown.

Before buying the Uptown home, the couple considered buying a house in the western suburbs where Romero works in IT for a health care group. But the couple, Romero said, decided to stay in the city because they felt they would be better supported and less singled out because of the larger LGBTQ population.

"The last time I was called the word 'faggot' was in the western suburbs of Chicago," Romero said. Shortly before the pandemic, when he was walking back to his car from a Starbucks in Downers Grove, someone rolled down their window and shouted that at him. "That experience helped frame a choice — about whether we would move out of the city. ... There are still a lot of feelings that other people feel the right to express in areas where LGBTQ people are less common."

Costs are barrier to moving

Not all people have the option to leave, or they face affordability challenges when trying to leave.

Jayne Walters, 52, is a children's librarian and library branch manager in Indianapolis who said she is scared for her family's safety as members of the LGBTQ community and as educators.

Having lived in the city for 27 years, she said she is now facing a legislature that is restricting health care options for transgender youth, seeking to ban books and prosecute people who give children reading materials that their parents or the state do not approve of.

As someone who works with a lot of queer youth who haven't told their parents about their sexuality or gender identity, Walters said she is afraid that she or her wife — who writes about gender and sexuality for young adults — could be put in jail for trying to help those children.

So far, Walters has applied for about 70 jobs in eight states and Washington, D.C., in the past two months, with Illinois atop her list of places she wants to move to because of its proximity to family in Indiana.

Walters said the tipping point for her was when her wife had a panic attack a couple of months ago.

"I am genuinely afraid every single day my wife goes to work," because she "is visibly transgender and proud of it," said Saundra Mitchell, Walters' wife.

But Walters and Mitchell are facing issues related to housing costs.

"If we sold our house right now, we wouldn't be able to find a house the same price in Chicago," said Walters, who is looking to leave the state with her wife and child as soon as possible.

"We are facing homelessness to get to some place safe to live," Mitchell said.

Zillow data shows that in areas with explicit legal protections for the LGBTQ community, the typical cost of buying a home as of June 2020 was 63% more than in areas without protections. Twenty-two states and the District of Columbia have protections in place, with Illinois prohibiting housing discrimination on the basis of someone's sexual orientation or gender identity, according to Zillow.

Stephen Hnatow, real estate agent at Keller Williams OneChicago, said more than half of his clients are looking to move because of anti-LGBTQ legislation or limited access to reproductive health care.

"I see people coming from across the country who maybe want Midwestern values and don't want to live on the coasts," because it's not affordable, Hnatow said. "People are coming to raise their families and don't want their kids dealing with the judgment of political pundits and the hate that they spread."

Niehaus-Rincon is from California and said he and his husband, who met in San Francisco, have been priced out of the state, so they looked to Chicago for its increased affordability.

He said the "scariest part" of moving is finding jobs. Niehaus-Rincon is retired but plans to resume work as a pastry chef once he moves to Chicago.

During the pandemic, he was laid off from a job where he said he faced jokes from co-workers about his sexuality.

"I want to go back to work, but I don't want to go back to work in Omaha," Niehaus-Rincon said. "I don't want to deal with some of the stuff I had to deal with, working at small companies, being the only gay guy in the kitchen."

Niehaus-Rincon said his husband, who works in retail, will have much better work opportunities in Chicago, and that the two of them will be able to live comfortably off the money that comes from their Nebraska house's sale while they settle in Chicago.

The couple is looking to move in June and is searching for a home in the Rogers Park, Andersonville and Edgewater areas.

Maldonado moved from Texas to DeKalb — partly because of greater housing costs closer to the Chicago area — and said she has already seen benefits. She said her kids have much more quickly been able to receive disability services in the school system in Illinois compared with Texas.

But she acknowledges that discrimination exists everywhere in the United States and that moving isn't always the right choice for everyone.

"Everyone leaving in some sort of mass migration can also leave people behind, and it breaks a lot of ties in communities and families," Maldonado said. "Everyone needs to do what's right for them while we work to make every state safe and livable for everyone."

Mitchell, 49, the young adult author, has lived in Indiana her entire life and said she "tried really, really hard to stay in Indiana."

Mitchell wrote the novel version of the musical "The Prom" — a story about two girls who want to go to prom together in Indiana but are not allowed to because of their sexuality — and said that in hindsight, she would have changed the ending of her book.

"When I wrote that book in 2020, I still had my lead character, a queer girl in Indiana, say, 'I am going to stay in Indiana because it doesn't get better if we all leave,' " Mitchell said. "I would not write that ending now."

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Outreach workers attend to a man who they believed had just injected tranq dope in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on Dec. 12. Drug dealers are mixing xylazine, an animal tranquilizer relied on by veterinarians, into fentanyl, with deadly results. **FILE**

The horrors of 'xylazine,' the 'zombie drug' roiling Chicago and New York

These days, drug use in New York's Washington Square Park is very much out in the open. On the park benches, you can see people smoking, injecting themselves and their bench mates and even cooking methamphetamine. On a recent Sunday morning, they did so undisturbed.

But the big shocker for an infrequent visitor is something different. A few of the people present in the park have red and black wounds on their skin. In at least one case this past weekend, parts of human tendons appeared to be exposed.

Most likely, the gruesome sight is a consequence of seeing the effects of someone using the veterinary tranquilizer xylazine, colloquially tranq. Commonly mixed with the synthetic opioid fentanyl and obtained with relative ease, xylazine — pronounced "ZY-la-zeen" — is sometimes called the "zombie drug" in acknowledgment of its flesh-eating properties.

It's not an exaggeration to say that the jarring sight of the horrific physical effects on humans of this horse tranquilizer recall the fictional wounds visible on characters in the dystopian TV show "The Last of Us."

Xylazine, which has no FDA-approved use in humans, is becoming a massive problem in both New York and Chicago. Why do people mix the two drugs together? In essence, the addition of xylazine extends the duration of the fentanyl high. And for those who traffic in the misery of others, the creation of this horrific cocktail increases profitability.

At a recent Texas meeting of editorial page editors from across the country, sponsored by the American Press Institute, a consensus emerged that there was far too little coverage of the fentanyl crisis in U.S. media, given the scale and scope of its level of human destruction.

And when xylazine is added into the mix, as is so often the case now, that situation only gets much worse.

Among the issues: Xylazine is a nonopioid agent, meaning, the FDA has said, not only that it is notoriously difficult to detect but also that it may not be reversible by naloxone, the substance commonly used to treat overdosing patients and often able to block or temper the effects of opioids like heroin, morphine and oxycodone.

Last month the federal Drug Enforcement Administration put out a harshly worded warning, saying that "xylazine is making the deadliest drug threat our country has ever faced, fentanyl, even deadlier."

The DEA went on to say it had "seized xylazine and fentanyl mixtures in 48 of 50 states. The DEA Laboratory System is reporting that in 2022 approximately 23% of fentanyl powder and 7% of fentanyl pills seized by the DEA contained xylazine."

In Chicago, the problem appears to be getting worse. Data from the Cook County medical examiner's office earlier this year showed that xylazine was showing up more and more in autopsy reports. In February, ABC-7 reported on the growing frequency of the drug's appearances in Lake County autopsy reports, too.

Last year, Dr. Neeraj Chhabra, a medical toxicologist and emergency physician with Cook County Health, told the Tribune that xylazine was now a factor in more than 1 in 9 fentanyl overdoses in Cook County. That was using 2021 figures. By many accounts, 2022 was much worse, and in these first months of 2023, the prevalence of xylazine only has increased on Chicago's streets.

Various efforts are underway in both Springfield and Washington to combat xylazine, including a bipartisan bill introduced late last month by U.S. Sens. Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.), Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) and Maggie Hassan (D-N.H.) to make xylazine a Schedule III controlled drug. That bill got the attention of veterinarians and ranchers, worried that they'll lose easy access to a routine tranquilizer important to their work.

In fact, the bill employs a savvy two-track strategy, protecting access for veterinary uses while introducing Schedule III penalties for all illicit use, which means anytime xylazine is used in a human body. Significantly, the bill also requires suppliers to closely track the drug in terms of who is getting access to it and for what use. None of that was happening when this problem emerged.

Cortez Masto has led the charge on this effort and similar legislation has been simultaneously introduced in the House. We hear the bill has broad bipartisan support, as well it should, and its expeditious passage into law should encounter no reasonable objection.

Xylazine is literally eating human flesh and you can see precisely that in the parks, and on the streets, of America's great cities.

Surely, a national and bipartisan effort can be made, on all fronts, to fight back against such a stunning act of self-destruction, all in service of a temporary high.

Chicago may have many problems demanding action, but this one has to be near the top of new administration's list.

ABOUT THE FOX NEWS SETTLEMENT

Fox News has avoided going to trial by reaching a $787.5 million settlement with Dominion Voting Systems over the network's smearing of the company following the 2020 election.

Some have cautioned against celebrating the settlement, along one of two tracks. The first group warns of precedent and the supposed watering down of reporters' First Amendment rights that the lawsuit represents, an argument that, as writers on an editorial page that frequently criticizes the politically powerful, we would presumably be sympathetic to.

Yet while it would be a disaster for democracy for the press to suddenly be liable for criticism, denunciations and damaging revelations, or for reporters to have to bear the brunt of mistakes of the sort that are inevitable in daily coverage, Fox's actions were neither legitimate criticism nor simple error.

This board, for example, accidentally misattributed a quote in a Tuesday editorial about a CCRB investigation into NYPD Chief of Department Jeff Maddrey. These things happen in a fast-paced news environment with writers and editors more squeezed than we've ever been. ...

The other track maintains that the nine-figure settlement, eye-popping as it is, is ultimately not much consequence for the giant network, representing less than a fifth of just last quarter's revenues and allowing it to avoid any on-air acknowledgment of its misdeeds. On that front, we agree that this case alone isn't enough of a repercussion for a news operation that actively participated in an attempt to not just misinform viewers but destroy their faith in our democracy. It should be the network's own viewers and advertisers that really hit Fox where it hurts.

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OPINION

Two police officers walk past people taking pictures at Millennium Park on Tuesday in downtown Chicago. **JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Summer's already here. Brandon Johnson needs a plan and to make peace with police.

Laura Washington

As Chicago's election returns rolled in the evening of April 4, reporters and talking heads detailed a slew of challenges that would confront Cook County Commissioner Brandon Johnson when he takes over as Chicago's mayor.

This talking head had only one question: What was Johnson's plan for the summer? He would be inaugurated on May 15, days before the Memorial Day weekend, our unofficial beginning of the summer season.

Well, summer is already here. A little more than a week ago, unseasonably warm weather lured hundreds of teens and young adults into the streets, where they proceeded to take over and wreak havoc in Chicago's Loop and at 31st Street Beach.

Two teens were shot downtown. Video on mainstream and social media played a movie we've seen before. Teenagers and young adults running wild, jumping and dancing on cars and CTA buses, running into traffic. A bus driver was assaulted. A couple who ventured out for dinner were attacked and robbed.

The police had no plan to quell the bedlam. It was an early sign of perilous times ahead — and a test for the incoming mayor. In response, Johnson issued a statement.

"In no way do I condone the destructive activity we saw in the Loop and lakefront this weekend," he declared on April 16. "It is unacceptable and has no place in our city. However, it is not constructive to demonize youth who have otherwise been starved of opportunities in their own communities."

Johnson is trying to have it both ways. That means, no way. He then reiterated his promise of a public safety plan that will "make Chicago livable for everyone."

The Chicago Police Department is not yet under Johnson's watch, but the summer is already here. Johnson needs a plan, now.

Chicago's young people have many dire needs in this city, and the city's powers must address the long-term causes of those maladies. But as the mayoral campaign reminded us, ad nauseam, that public safety is Job No. 1, 2 and 3. All the other challenges — social and racial inequities in economic development, education, health care, housing — can be met only in a safe city.

Those young people should know right from wrong, and if they don't, they must be taught, punished or both. The latter task rests with law enforcement and the criminal justice system. The former, with parents. Mayor Lori Lightfoot's response to the recent events said it best.

She expects that young people wanted "to have a good time and enjoy the unseasonably warm weather," she said. "However, some of those young people were involved in reckless, disrespectful and unlawful behavior."

That will not be tolerated, Lightfoot noted. "Most importantly, parents and guardians must know where their children are and be responsible for their actions. Instilling the important values of respect for people and property must begin at home."

In this age of political correctness gone wild, few city leaders will say that aloud.

Johnson promised to bring on 200 new police detectives to help solve more crimes. You don't need 200 — or even one — to produce a plan to stop marauding teenagers. The police were outflanked, or even unwilling to serve. That must change.

The police department is in disarray, and morale is plummeting. The rank and file are said to be reluctant to serve a mayor who has made past calls to "defund the police." Johnson has discarded that mantra, but deep distrust remains.

In the heat of the mayoral campaign, John Catanzara, president of the Fraternal Order of Police, predicted that 800 to 1,000 Chicago police officers would leave the force if Johnson won, The New York Times reported.

"If this guy gets in, we're going to see an exodus like we've never seen before," Catanzara told the newspaper, and there would be "blood in the streets." That could be Catanzara's typical hyperbolic rhetoric. But the exodus may have already started, and at the highest ranks.

On Thursday, interim police Superintendent Eric Carter announced he will resign from the department, effective May 15. Lightfoot tapped Carter to lead the department after former Superintendent David Brown resigned.

The search for a new, permanent superintendent is underway. Johnson and the new leader he will choose must make peace with the police.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

To perpetrators: Why?

The violence and mayhem that erupted in downtown Chicago and along the lakefront two weekends ago have driven commentary from many sources. Elected officials, police officials, business owners, restaurateurs, civic organizations, community groups and people from all walks of life have spoken out about the chaos that occurred.

But to date, we haven't heard from those who were arrested and are allegedly responsible for the crimes that took place.

Why did they find it necessary to head to the heart of the city or a popular beach and bring a gun? Why did they engage in violence against motorists and bus drivers? Why did they attack a couple from out of town seeking out a place to have dinner?

Perhaps if we get cogent answers to these and other relevant questions, we can prevent this dark chapter from occurring again.

— Edward M. Bury, Chicago

Will conventioneers return?

On April 14, a day before the Loop melee, I walked from my Near North Side apartment to the CIBC Theatre on Monroe Street for a 7:30 p.m. curtain. Walking down Michigan Avenue, I was pleased to see throngs of well-dressed conventioneers. I stopped in at a Monroe Street hotel to use the bathroom, and the large lobby was teeming with folks in Chicago for the convention.

I wonder how many people visiting Chicago were caught up in the terrifying battle royale the next night? That I will never I know, but one thing I do know is that they will not be back.

— J. Gregory Perdue, Chicago

Putting mayor, city at risk

We now know that many police officers were less than proactive in dealing with the mayhem in the Loop two weekends ago, and some citizens who complained were told that what was going on was Mayor-elect Brandon Johnson's fault, even though he hasn't taken office yet.

Before the election, the president of Chicago's police union warned that there would be "blood in the streets" if Johnson won. Do people not realize what's going on now?

Our city's "finest" appear to be engaging in what amounts to a work slowdown in order to make that a self-fulfilling prophecy. They are putting our city and its people, as well as our newly elected mayor, at risk for political vengeance.

This needs to be called out for what it is, and it must be stopped immediately.

— David G. Whiteis, Chicago

Leveling the playing field

Ill-advised statements aside, Mayor-elect Brandon Johnson is correct in saying we need to do more for Chicago's youth than simply lock them up.

If he is really looking for ideas and guidance, he needs to look no further than the urban academy The BASE Chicago at 230 N. Kolmar St. on the West Side. To quote its website: "The BASE Chicago re-imagines pathways to success for urban youth by combining sports and academic opportunities with a distinctive methodology rooted in excellence, belief and love." I had the pleasure of working with its executive director, Eric Davis, for a short time in 1986 when we served together with the Chicago Police Department.

As we went our separate ways in CPD, Eric never stopped trying to find ways to reach the disadvantaged citizens he served. He knew how to balance enforcement and compassion. He knew that the key to stopping crime was to lead and point to another direction.

Eric and his team have taken their skills and passions and brought them to fruition with their nationally acclaimed organization. A born and bred Chicagoan, I now live on the North Shore where I can clearly see the advantages these kids have over those in the city. The BASE Chicago is trying to level the playing field a bit, and their results speak for themselves.

Johnson should take note. The answer is right in your own backyard.

— Rick Williams, Highland Park

Fox is entertainment

After Fox News' almost $800 million settlement with Dominion Voting Systems, it now seems like Fox News is more like professional wrestling: not real but very entertaining for its fans.

— Andrew Kachiroubas, Chicago

Working on gun control

I believe the editorial on former Rep. Adam Kinzinger hit the nail on the head ("Why 'Second Amendment people' should be at the forefront of gun control solutions," April 19). Democrats and Republicans, left and right, need to work together on all dividing issues and not automatically against the other just based on political agenda.

The Second Amendment is a real hot issue nowadays. I'm a gun owner and have no problem with background checks and such as long as they're used for their intended purpose. In other words, use what's already in place. Too many times, it's not, leading to a young person or otherwise unqualified person obtaining a gun.

Our politicians need to reach across the aisle and put differences aside. Maybe they could remove the imaginary line, the aisle, altogether. Wouldn't that be nice?

— David Watkins, Wadsworth

Knocking used to be safe

I remember the good old days when "Knock knock" was followed by "Who's there" rather than a bullet.

— Vin Morabito, Scranton, Pennsylvania

Metal detectors in schools

Highland Park parents are asking for metal detectors to be installed in schools to safeguard the lives of their children ("Highland Park students, parents demand action," April 16). This should be a simple request if we value the lives of our students as much as we value the inventory of our libraries.

Many libraries have electromagnetic security gates that trigger an alarm if a book is taken from the library without being checked out. How much more important is it to have a metal detector to trigger an alarm if a firearm is taken into the school?

What are our priorities? Children or books?

— Mary Ann Kehl, Wilmette

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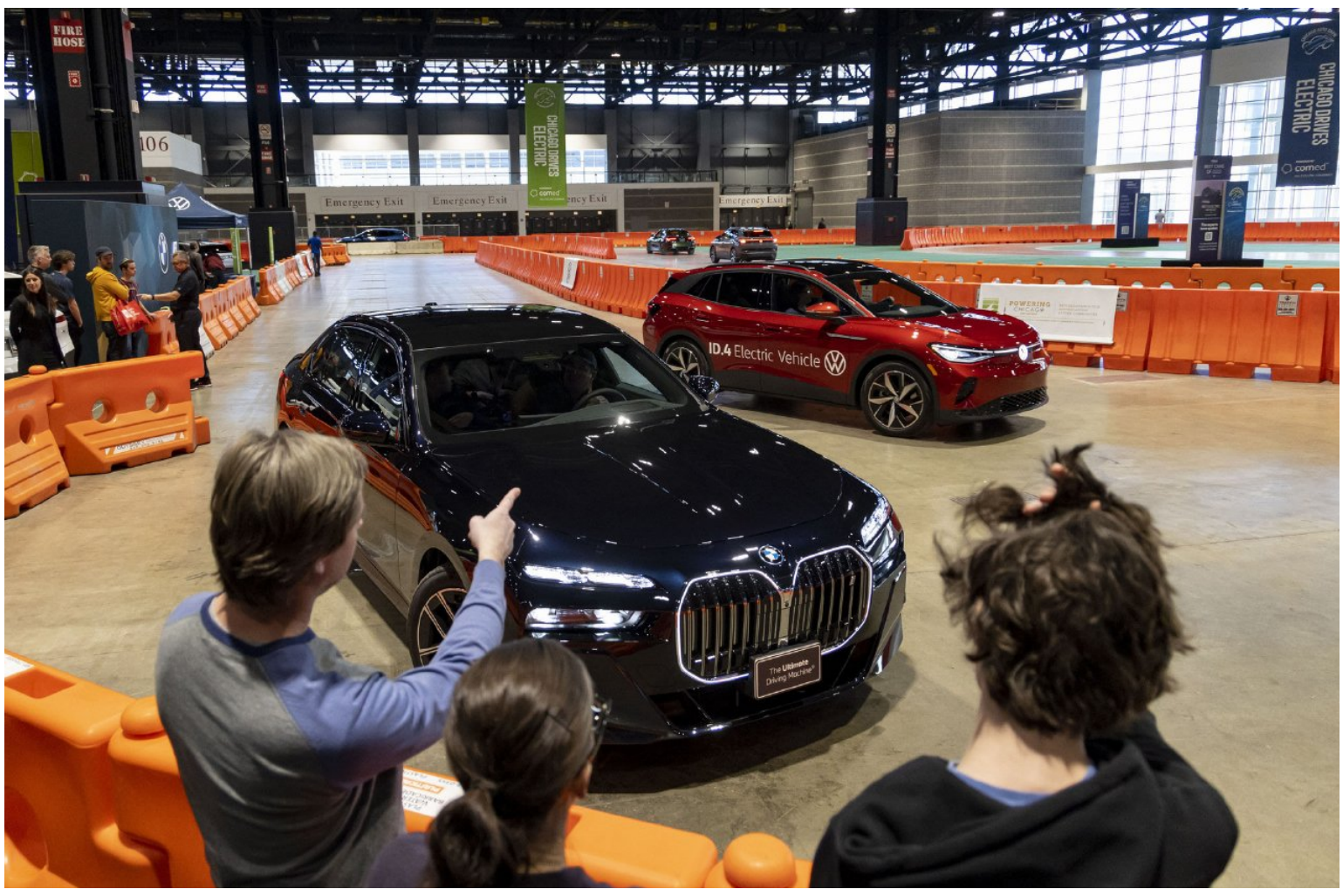
OPINION

Electric vehicle plan would hurt working-class buyers

By Charles J. Murray



People look at electric BMWs and Volkswagens on the test track at the Chicago Auto Show on Feb. 12 at McCormick Place.
BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

For many years, it's been assumed that the electric car would come down in cost until it reached price parity with the gasoline car. But the new EPA mechanism calls for the reverse: reaching parity, not by lowering the price of the EV, but by raising the price of the gasoline car. In the process, we now hope for 78% of sedans, 68% of pickups and 62% of SUVs to be electric by 2032.

It should come as no surprise that President Joe Biden's administration has now hatched a plan to push more electric vehicles into the mainstream. An Environmental Protection Agency plan calls for electric vehicles to compose two-thirds of new car sales by 2032, largely by making gasoline cars too costly to buy. It is, in effect, a tacit admission that EVs aren't yet ready to compete with entry-level gasoline cars on their own merits.

For many, this is hard to believe. During the past decade, we've been told that the electric vehicle is on the cusp of broad adoption, awaiting only a few minor tweaks to its battery. But while we've been waiting, the tweaks haven't sufficed, and the modern electric car is still predominantly a product for the wealthy. EVs, it seems, still can't compete with the low-priced Civics and Corollas of the world. And those vehicles continue to make up a large percentage of global auto sales.

In popular culture, this seems impossible because we've come to believe that the battery-powered car is a new idea, rapidly progressing. We expect it to burst forth into stardom at any moment. But the truth is that the EV is neither new nor rapid. This year, the manufacturable electric vehicle will celebrate its 139th birthday, having been invented in the United Kingdom in 1884. During those 139 years, it has been surpassed by many technologies that actually *were* evolving rapidly. Those include such notables as the airplane, television, transistor and electric refrigerator.

It could be argued, of course, that the electric car was slowed by a half-century hiatus. But even after its return to the stage in the late 1960s, its evolution has been excruciatingly slow. Three fledgling inventions of the 1970s and '80s — the personal computer, cellphone and internet — have all sped past it. All three now serve billions of people, while the EV still attempts to struggle to its feet. Even the lithium-ion battery, which is the electric car's saving grace, is rapidly reaching middle-age, having turned 50 years old last year.

The point is that the EV's evolution has been slow. And it may continue to be slow. It goes without saying that someone in the Biden administration recognized this and decided to push the panic button. The U.S. Energy Information Administration also apparently saw this in March, when it released a report stating that EV sales would reach just 15% by 2030 and just 19% by 2050.

But by tilting the playing field, we would now have a different ballgame. For many years, it's been assumed that the electric car would come down in cost until it reached price parity with the gasoline car. But the new EPA mechanism calls for the reverse: reaching parity, not by lowering the price of the EV, but by raising the price of the gasoline car. In the process, we now hope for 78% of sedans, 68% of pickups and 62% of SUVs to be electric by 2032.

The rationale for this is climate change, of course. That being the case, the more honest message would be, "We want to curb greenhouse gas production, and we know we can't compete with your Toyota Corolla, so we're going to force you to buy an electric vehicle." But we'll never hear that. Voters don't like being forced. So we instead hear about how great this transition will be for consumers.

But it won't be, especially for working-class buyers of entry-level trucks and sedans. Unlike the wealthy, many of whom buy EVs to display their values, these buyers will be hurt. Low-end gasoline vehicles in the $25,000 range will almost certainly rise in cost — a lot.

All of this could be avoided, of course, if the EV were able to compete with gasoline cars on an initial-cost basis. But there is no schedule for this. Past predictions have been repeatedly inaccurate, sometimes wildly so. The electric car, it seems, has always been five years away from glory.

So now we have an EPA plan to solve this dilemma. It's a fix for a century-old technology struggling toward prime time.

By handicapping the competition, the plan could make it possible for the electric car to finally reach its five-year goal of glory.

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NFTs are the greatest disruption to the art world since cubism

By Edward Lee

A visitor poses for a photo during the immersive art installation at the Digital Art Fair Xperience 2022 in Hong Kong on Oct. 22. Exhibitors showcased digital works using interactive Web 3.0 technologies including blockchain, virtual reality, metaverse and NFT. **SEBASTIAN NG/GETTY**

Societal transformations often spark controversy. In the early 1900s, a new movement in art — derisively called "cubism" for the bizarre cubes the art supposedly depicted — sparked backlash. In 1913, students of the School of the Art Institute even organized a mass protest. The students "convicted" Henri Matisse for "artistic murder" and imposed the death penalty in a mock trial. Though Matisse wasn't a cubist, the term was associated then with everything evil about modern art.

The misguided students weren't alone. U.S. newspapers fomented people's fears about cubism. The artists were disparaged as "freaks" and scam artists. Their artworks were "ugly," "bizarre" and "degenerate." A New York Times editorial said that cubism is a "false art" and "a part of the general movement ... to disrupt and degrade, if not to destroy, not only art, but literature and society, too." The Washington Times even suggested that the modern artists might have to be quarantined, and the Constitution amended, to limit free speech. A now infamous pamphlet attacked the Metropolitan Museum of Art's first major exhibition of modern art, lambasting it as the product of a "modernistic degenerate cult." Tragically, this view later prevailed in Germany, resulting in the Nazi confiscation of tens of thousands of "degenerate" artworks.

This sad chapter in history provides an important lesson. Don't be too quick to judge. Pioneered by Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque, cubism is recognized today as one of the most influential artistic movements. It shattered the Renaissance's conventional view, in which paintings were depicted from a single-point perspective, and liberated artists to take multiple perspectives — even beyond cubism.

Today, we are witnessing the greatest disruption to the art world since cubism — along with a similar backlash. Underlying this disruption is a technology called a non-fungible token, or NFT, a computer program that establishes a new type of virtual ownership not just for digital artworks but also for anything that can be owned.

At first, this idea may sound like fantasy. My theory of "Tokenism," however, explains this radical transformation. Tokenism is an artistic, cultural and technological movement that creates a new kind of ownership in property — symbolized by a virtual token — through a process of technological abstraction and artificial scarcity effectuated by NFTs. (I distinguish it from the negative hiring practice of tokenism by capitalizing the first letter.) Just as cubism radically upended how art is created and viewed in "cubes," Tokenism radically upends how art is owned virtually in "tokens."

NFTs have spawned a new market for digital artworks, including works generated by artificial intelligence. In the past, digital artworks weren't prized in the art world because digital copies lacked an original. Why buy a digital artwork that can easily be copied online for free? NFTs solved that problem by creating a digital original through a virtual token recorded on blockchain, a public ledger.

Now the leading art institutions from the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) to the Los Angeles County Museum of Art and from the British Museum to the Centre Pompidou are exploring digital artworks through NFTs, including for permanent acquisitions. This March marked the two-year anniversary of the third highest auction sale by a living artist: a $69.3 million digital artwork NFT called "Everydays: The First 5,000 Days" by Beeple, whose sale bested the single sales of Salvador Dalí and Frida Kahlo. The artist Refik Anadol's exhibition of "Unsupervised" at MoMA has captivated people's imaginations so much that MoMA extended the showing. And scores of digital artists around the world are selling their works on online marketplaces, such as Art Blocks, and in Christie's and Sotheby's auctions.

Of course, there are skeptics. Naysayers have attacked NFTs as "scams" and "Ponzi schemes" of the "cult of crypto," and AI-generative and digital art as "screensavers" and "ugly." The reaction is almost as hostile as the initial reception to cubism.

These attacks will not age well. Our world has become more virtual due to the pandemic. Virtual ownership through NFTs is another part of this profound societal transformation. The anticipated development of eyeglasses with augmented reality and virtual reality from the likes of Apple will accelerate this shift. Fashion labels have seized on this transformation to deploy NFTs for digital fashion and the hybrid class of phygital goods, which include both digital and physical versions.

Businesses from Adidas and Nike to Anheuser-Busch, Salesforce and Starbucks are developing new ways to engage and interact with people through NFTs. Even during the economic downturn, Starbucks created Odyssey NFTs to enhance its loyalty program, providing new experiences and benefits for its customers. The rapid growth of AI-image creators is only likely to add to the utility and demand for virtual ownership of digital art.

We are now witnessing a Virtual Renaissance for the ages. The 21st century's modern art will be digital. This Renaissance is fueled by a technology that enables virtual ownership and empowers artists to bypass the industry gatekeepers and galleries.

Through NFTs, creators can now take control.

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A convoy leaves Khartoum via a road toward Port Sudan on Sunday as people flee the fighting.
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Sudan

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"I am proud of the extraordinary commitment of our Embassy staff, who performed their duties with courage and professionalism and embodied America's friendship and connection with the people of Sudan," Biden said in a statement. "I am grateful for the unmatched skill of our service members who successfully brought them to safety."

U.S. Africa Command and the Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman, Gen. Mark Milley, were in contact with the factions before and during the operation to ensure that U.S. forces would have safe passage to conduct the evacuation.

John Bass, an undersecretary of state, denied claims by Sudan's paramilitary Rapid Security Forces that it assisted in the U.S. evacuation.

"They cooperated to the extent that they did not fire on our service members in the course of the operation," Bass said.

Biden had ordered American troops to evacuate embassy personnel after receiving a recommendation from his national security team, with no end in sight to the fighting.

"This tragic violence in Sudan has already cost the lives of hundreds of innocent civilians. It's unconscionable and it must stop," Biden said. "The belligerent parties must implement an immediate and unconditional ceasefire, allow unhindered humanitarian access, and respect the will of the people of Sudan."

Sudan's fighting broke out April 15 between two commanders who just 18 months earlier jointly orchestrated a military coup to derail the nation's transition to democracy.

The power struggle between the armed forces chief, Gen. Abdel-Fattah Burhan, and the head of the Rapid Support Forces paramilitary group, Gen. Mohammed Hamdan Dagalo, has millions of Sudanese cowering inside their homes.

The violence has included an unprovoked attack on an American diplomatic convoy and numerous incidents in which foreign diplomats and aid workers were killed, injured or assaulted.

About 16,000 private U.S. citizens are registered with the embassy as being in Sudan. The figure is rough because not all Americans register with embassy or say when they depart.

The embassy issued an alert earlier Saturday cautioning that "due to the uncertain security situation in Khartoum and closure of the airport, it is not currently safe to undertake a U.S. government-coordinated evacuation of private U.S. citizens."

The U.S. evacuation planning for American employees of the embassy got underway in earnest Monday after the embassy convoy was attacked in Khartoum. The Pentagon confirmed Friday that U.S. troops were being moved to Camp Lemonnier in Djibouti ahead of a possible evacuation.

Embassy evacuations conducted by the U.S. military are rare and usually take place only under extreme conditions. When it orders an embassy to draw down staff or suspend operations, the State Department prefers to have its personnel leave on commercial transportation if that is an option.

When the embassy in Kyiv temporarily closed before Russia's invasion of Ukraine, staffers used commercial transport to leave.

While world powers like the U.S. and Britain airlifted their diplomats from Khartoum, Sudanese desperately sought to flee the chaos. Many risked dangerous roads to seek safer spots or crossed the northern border into Egypt.

"My family — my mother, my siblings and my nephews — are on the road from Sudan to Cairo through Aswan," Sudanese filmmaker Amjad Abual-Ala wrote on Facebook.

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Skelding, Conor Deighan

Conor Deighan Skelding, 31, died April 21, 2023, of a rare and aggressive form of pancreatic cancer. He is survived by his wife, Lizzy Cady Skelding (née Trelstad), his parents, Karen Deighan and David Skelding, his brothers Cameron Skelding (Joanna Keen Skelding), Owen Skelding, Aidan Skelding (fiancée Caroline Hurley) and his beloved niece and Goddaughter, Luciana Skelding. Also surviving are his maternal grandmother, June Deighan, aunts and uncles, Marti Roth Deighan, Kathleen Deighan (Michael Blankshain), Chris Deighan (Nancy Jones Deighan) and Jennifer Deighan (Don Knapp Jr.), as well as 12 cousins. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Thomas E. Deighan, his paternal grandparents, Lorraine (Luongo) and Laurence S. Skelding, and a maternal uncle, Thomas M. Deighan. Conor was a 2010 graduate of St. Ignatius College Prep where he launched the family's interest in the sport of rowing. He graduated from Columbia University in the City of New York with majors in English and American Studies. While at Columbia, he served as editor-in-chief of The Blue and White and was a COÖP leader. Conor began his career in journalism at Politico New York. He then joined Reorg where he covered distressed debt. Most recently, he was a Sunday News Reporter for the New York Post. He was well-liked by fellow members of The Inner Circle. Conor made and maintained deep friendships with many from all walks of life and across the country. Unlike most his age, he preferred a phone call to a text, and was apt to send handwritten notes and letters. Conor relished a vigorous intellectual debate on just about any topic. He was a voracious and eclectic reader, as well as an experienced cyclist. Most of all, Conor loved God, Lizzy, and his family. He held a special affection for Luciana, whom he had begun to form in the permanent things. His faith and his strength, in the face of serious illness, were an inspiration to many. Visitation will be held at St. John Cantius Church, 825 N. Carpenter St., Chicago, IL from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 27, 2023. Funeral Mass on Friday, April 28, 2023 at St. John Cantius Church at 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Canons Regular of St. John Cantius, 1025 W. Fry St., Chicago, IL 60642, www.canons-regular.org. For information please call 312-421-0936 or www.michalikfuneralhome.com.

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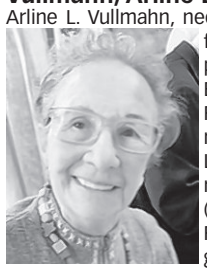
Vullmahn, Arline L.



Arline L. Vullmahn, nee Friedman, 94, of Glenview formerly of Chicago, at peace Friday, April 21, 2023. Beloved wife of the late Robert Vullmahn. Loving mother of Robyn, Pamela Leeuw, Toni D. ret. CPD (Juan ret. CPD) Juarez, Michael (Caroline), and the late Robert R. Vullmahn. Cherished grandmother of Julia and Loren Leeuw, Vanessa (Thomas) Vullmahn Juettner, Amanda and Nicholas Vullmahn. Loving great-grandmother of Lily, Emma, Henry, Izzy, Ashton, and Eden. Beloved sister of James Friedman and the late Nancy (Richard) Malecki. Dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Long member of Edison Park Lutheran Church, Lathers Union Women's Auxillary, Glenview Senior Center, and Girl Scout Leader. Arline loved genealogy, family and friends, travel, reading and her dogs. Funeral Thursday, April 27, 2023. Family and friends gathering at Edison Park Lutheran Church 6626 N. Oliphant, Chicago from 10:00 AM until time of service 11:00 AM. Interment Rosehill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials are appreciated to Edison Park Lutheran Church, Shriners Hospitals for Children shrinershospitalsforchildren.org or your favorite charity. For information 773-631-1240 or **suerth.com or heneghanfs.com**

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Wallace, Bert L.

Bert L. Wallace, 83. Beloved son of the late Adrienne and Saul; dear brother of Myrna Wallace; caring uncle of Courtney (Patrick) Nichols; proud great-uncle of Laurel and Willow Nichols. Graveside service Weds. April 26, 10 AM at Oak Woods Cemetery, 1035 E. 67th St., Chicago, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

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In 1792, Claude Joseph Rouget de Lisle, a young French military officer, wrote the words and music to "La Marseillaise," which would become his country's national anthem.

In 1815 novelist Anthony Trollope ("The Warden," "Barchester Towers") was born in London.

In 1877 federal troops were ordered out of New Orleans, ending the North's post-Civil War rule in the South.

In 1898 Spain declared war on the U.S. after rejecting America's ultimatum to withdraw from Cuba.

In 1904 abstract expressionist painter Willem de Kooning was born in Rotterdam, Netherlands.

In 1905 Robert Penn Warren, the first poet laureate of the United States, was born in Guthrie, Ky.

In 1915 the Ottoman Turkish Empire began the mass deportation of Armenians during World War I.

In 1916 about 1,600 Irish nationalists in Dublin began the Easter Rebellion, an unsuccessful attempt to overthrow British rule that was quashed several days later.

In 1934 actress Shirley MacLaine was born in Richmond, Va.

In 1942 Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley was born. Also in 1942 singer-actress Barbra Streisand was born in New York City.

In 1944 the United Negro College Fund was incorporated.

In 1953 British statesman Winston Churchill was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II.

In 1962 the Massachusetts Institute of Technology accomplished the first satellite relay of a television signal, between Camp Parks, Calif., and Westford, Mass.

In 1968 leftist students at Columbia University in New York began a week-long occupation of several campus buildings.

In 1970 China launched its first satellite.

In 1974 Bud Abbott, the straight man of the Abbott and Costello comedy team, died in Woodland Hills, Calif.; he was 78.

In 1980 the United States launched an abortive attempt to free the American hostages in Iran; eight U.S. servicemen were killed.

In 1986 the former Wallis Warfield Simpson, the twice-divorced, American-born Duchess of Windsor for whom England's King Edward VIII gave up his throne, died in Paris; she was 89.

In 1988 three American sailors were killed and 22 injured in a fire aboard the submarine Bonefish off the Florida coast.

In 1993 the Irish Republican Army acknowledged it had planted a bomb that exploded in London's financial district, causing one death and 45 injuries. A 500-year-old church was destroyed and many buildings damaged.

In 1996 the main assembly of the Palestine Liberation Organization voted to revoke clauses in its charter that called for an armed struggle to destroy Israel.

In 2001 the Supreme Court ruled, 5-4, that police can arrest and handcuff people for minor traffic offenses. Also in 2001 Rev. Leon Sullivan, a pioneering civil rights crusader credited with helping end South Africa's system of apartheid, died in Scottsdale, Ariz.; he was 78.

In 2002, after a meeting in the Vatican, American Roman Catholic leaders agreed to make it easier to remove priests who are guilty of sexually abusing minors.

In 2003 North Korea announced that it has nuclear weapons and would test, export or use them depending on U.S. actions, according to a senior U.S. official. Also in 2003 U.S. forces in Iraq took custody of Tariq Aziz, the former Iraqi deputy prime minister.

In 2004 cosmetics icon Estee Lauder died in New York; she was 97.

In 2005 Pope Benedict XVI took over as leader of the Roman Catholic Church. Also in 2005 former Israeli president Ezer Weizman died in Caesarea, Israel; he was 80.

In 2013 an eight-story building housing five apparel factories collapsed, killing more than 1,040 people and injuring 2,500 others, outside the Bangladesh capital of Dhaka.

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LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

COUNTY OF COOK OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER FOR DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAYS BID FOR FOUR (4) TON TRAILER MOUNTED ASPHALT HOT BOX BID NO.: 2311-03140

Bid Document: The Bid document is available for download at: https://legacy.cookcountyil.gov/purchasing/bids/listAllBids.php

Contact Person: If you are not able to download the Bid or if you have other questions, please contact Kimberlei Aaron – Contract Negotiator, at (312) 603-5381 or kimberlei.aaron@cookcountyil.gov

Questions: Questions can be submitted in writing to the contact person above until 4:00 PM Local Time - Chicago on May 12, 2023.

Bid Due Date, Time, and Location: Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 10:00 AM Local Time - Chicago
All Bids must be submitted electronically and uploaded to https://cookcountyil.bonfirehub.com/portal/?tab=openOpportunities following the instructions set forth in the Bid Solicitation document.

Toni Preckwinkle
President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

Raffi Sarrafian
Chief Procurement Officer

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April 24, 2023
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DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES

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DESCRIPTION: **Fence Rental Services**

DEPARTMENT: **Department Of Cultural Affairs And Special Events**

TYPE: **Work Service**

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SPECIFICATION NO: **1253129**
RFQ NO: **9482**

BID/PROPOSAL OPENING DATE: **Thursday, June 15, 2023**

TIME: **11:00 a.m.,** Central Time

PRE-BID CONFERENCE CALL: **Monday, May 1, 2023, 1:00 p.m., Central Time**

All attendees must pre-register to participate. Interested Attendees must email: maria.christman@cityofchicago.org to pre-register for Pre-Bid Conference Call instructions and call-in number. Email Subject Line to read: SPEC 1253129 - Fence Rental Services

CONTACT: Maria Christman,
Senior Procurement Specialist
EMAIL: maria.christman@cityofchicago.org
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received for the following by Chicago Transit Authority through Electronic Submission to the Bid Office's E-Procurement Platform no later than 2:00 P.M. on Monday, May 15, 2023 to the link below:
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By: Ellen G. McCormack
Vice President
Purchasing & Supply Chain
April 24, 2023
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LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
DAZIANA S HARRIS

A MINOR
NO. **2022JD01498**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **SURRVELL HARRIS (FATHER)**, respondents, and **TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **September 30, 2022** , a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **MARIANNE JACKSON** in the 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on **June 22, 2023** at **9:30 AM** IN CALENDAR **61** COURTROOM **6** ,

or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. The court has authority in this case to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor.

Unless you appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, an order or judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the petition.

Iris Y. Martinez, CLERK OF COURT
April 24, 2023

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY:
D. AUGUSTE
ATTORNEY FOR:
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS
ADDRESS: 1100 SOUTH HAMILTON
CITY/STATE: CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60612
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (312) 433-7000
ATTORNEY NO.: 33182

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT,
COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS
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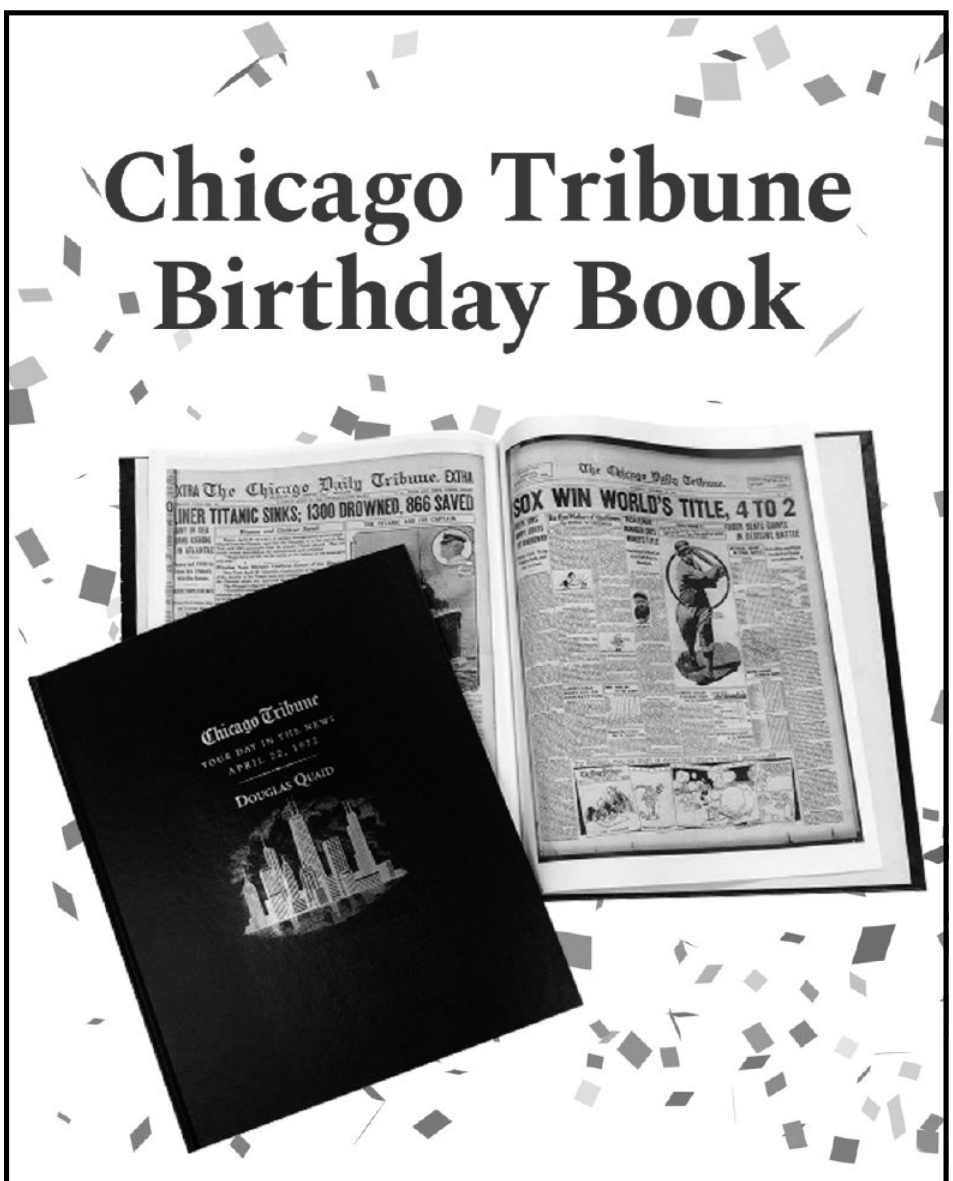
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DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY OPEN SPACE REDEVELOPMENT
CONTRACT 2-2023

The Village of Antioch (OWNER) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

Downtown Community Open Space Redevelopment
Contract 2-2023

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the Village Hall located at 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL 60002, until Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at 2 P.M., local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud publicly.

The Project includes the following Work: The Project focus is to redevelop an existing site of approximately 4.5 acres into a new park. The project will include daylighting of the Sequoit Creek channel between Main Street and Orchard Street, which will be of various sizes and types of stone installation, stone walls, a cast-in-place pedestrian bridge, cast-in-place concrete structures, and site restoration. Additional work will include installation of underground utilities, including sanitary sewer, storm sewer, and water/sewer service lines; installation of electrical and lighting improvements; reconstruction of Depot Street; installation of a splash pad, playground equipment, and a prefabricated pavilion; construction of a restroom/concession facility; and miscellaneous site improvements, such as concrete walkways, decorative walls, decorative paver areas, irrigation, and landscaping.

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A hard copy Bid must be submitted and include a thumb drive with the electronic version of the hard copy in PDF format.

Paper copies may be obtained from the Issuing Office, which is Strand Associates, Inc.®, 910 West Wingra Drive, Madison, WI 53715. A nonrefundable fee of $250 will be required (shipping and handling fees included). Overnight mailing of Bidding Documents will not be provided.

All Bidders submitting a sealed Bid shall obtain the Bidding Documents from QuestCDN.com or from Strand Associates, Inc.®

Bidders who submit a Bid must be a Plan Holder of record. Bids from Bidders who are not on the Plan Holders List may be returned as not being responsive.

Plan Holders are requested to provide an e-mail address if they wish to receive addenda and other information electronically. Plan Holders are requested to designate whether they are a prime contractor, subcontractor, or supplier if they want this information posted on the Project Plan Holders List.

The Bid must be accompanied by Bid security made payable to OWNER in an amount of 5% of the Bidder's maximum Bid price.

This Project is being supported, in whole or in part by federal award number SLT-3381 awarded to the State of Illinois by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

Bidders will be required to comply with all laws, including those relating to the employment of labor and the payment of the general prevailing rate of hourly wages in the locality in which the work is to be performed for each craft or type of worker or mechanic needed to execute the contract or perform such work, also the general prevailing rate for legal holiday and overtime work (including, but not necessarily limited to "Prevailing Wages (Davis-Bacon Act) (820 ILCS 130/0.01 et seq.)" as ascertained by the Village or by the Illinois Department of Labor for Lake County, Illinois shall be paid for each craft or type of worker needed to execute the contract or to perform such work.

If at the time this Contract is executed, or if during the term of this Contract, there is excessive unemployment in Illinois as defined in the Employment of Illinois Workers on Public Works Act, 30 ILCS 570, as two consecutive months of unemployment exceeding 5%, CONTRACTOR agrees to employ a work force that consists of at least 90% Illinois laborers. An "Illinois laborer" is defined as any person who has resided in Illinois for at least 30 days and intends to become or remain an Illinois resident. The Bidder shall require all subcontractors (if any) to conform with said laws, and any rules or regulations now and thereafter issued pursuant to said laws by Bidder, his subcontractors, and/or anyone working through or on behalf of Bidder or Bidder's subcontractors.

Bidders shall comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246, Equal Employment Opportunity as amended.

Bidders shall comply with the following Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) requirements:

- Steel Products Procurement (Domestic Steel) (30 ILCS 565 et seq.)
- Compliance with Business Enterprise Program Goal (30 ILCS 575/0.01; 775 ILCS 5/2-105)–30%; 25% MBE and 5% WBE. BEP Compliance is evaluated for the total of DCEO Funded portion of the project:
  - 5% WBE Participation (5% * $2,750,000 = $137,500.00)
  - 25% MBE Participation (25% * $2,750,000 = $687,500.00)
- Illinois Works Jobs Program Act (820 ILCS 130/0.01 et seq.)
- Illinois Works Apprenticeship Initiative (30 ILCS 599/20-20 to 20-25)
- Illinois Workers on Public Works Act (30 ILCS 570/0.01 et seq.)
- Bribery (30 ILCS 500/50-5)
- Bid Rigging (720 ILCS 5/33E-3 or 720 ILCS 5/33E-4)
- Forced Labor Act (30ILCS 583)
- Goods from Child Labor Act (30 ILCS 584)

The Village of Antioch reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, in whole or in part, to waive any technicality, and to accept any Bid which it deems advantageous. All Bids shall remain subject to acceptance for 85 days after the time set for receiving Bids.

Contract award shall be made based on the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 10 A.M., local time, on April 25, 2023. This pre-bid conference will be held virtually. The login information for the pre-bid conference is as follows: (608) 571-7149, Conference ID 414 347 375#. Bidders are encouraged to attend and participate in the conference.

The Strand Associates, Inc.® project manager is Michael A. Jansen, P.E., who can be contacted at Strand Associates, Inc.®, 910 West Wingra Drive, Madison, WI 53715, (608) 251-4843 regarding the Project.

For all further requirements regarding Bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and Contract Award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

Published by the authority of the Village of Antioch
Jim Keim, Administrator

Dated at Village of Antioch, Illinois
April 24, 2023

END OF SECTION

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago will be accepting applications for the following classification(s):

Assistant Chief Operating Engineer (Promotional)

Application Filing Period: April 21, 2023 through May 5, 2023. **Examination Date:** May 24-25, 2023. **Location:** MWRD Main Office Building Annex, 111 East Erie Street, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of Assistant Chief Operating Engineer practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under general supervision, supervises and participates in the operation and maintenance of treatment plant or pumping station equipment within a sewage treatment plant complex. **Salary:** $97,826.30 per year

Associate Electrical Engineer (Original & Promotional)

Application Filing Period: April 21, 2023 through May 5, 2023. **Examination Date:** June 3, 2023. **Location:** Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of Associate Electrical Engineer practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under general supervision, performs ordinary electrical engineering work in connection with electrical design, construction, maintenance, and operations. **Salary:** $88,148.32 per year

Plumber (Original)

Application Filing Period: April 21, 2023 through May 5, 2023. **Examination Date:** June 3, 2023. **Location:** Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of Plumber practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under supervision, performs skilled manual work in connection with the installation, alteration, maintenance and repair of water, waste, sewage, and drainage pipes, plumbing fixtures and accessories. **Salary:** $54.80 per hour

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Kentrail Nelson, Jr., AKA, Kentrail Nelson

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Lakeisha Robinson } (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA00119**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Lakeisha Robinson (Mother)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **December 15, 2022**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Jennifer Payne** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **June 2, 2023**, at **9:00 AM** in CALENDAR **12** COURTROOM **A**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental **rights**.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

Iris Y. Martinez, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
April 24, 2023 7421286

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Larry Hill AKA Larry Jones

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Olivia Jones (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **22JA00385**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **May 26, 2022**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Shannon O'Malley** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **June 23, 2023**,,at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR **6** COURTROOM **A**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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Iris Y. Martinez, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
April 24, 2023 7421372

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Lashawn Carey

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Lawanda Carey (Mother)|**

JUVENILE NO.: **22JA00119**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **February 18, 2022**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Shannon O'Malley** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **July 24, 2023**,at **11:00 AM** in CALENDAR **6** COURTROOM **A**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental **rights**.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

Iris Y. Martinez, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
April 24, 2023 7421289

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Layla Caballero

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Samantha Salach (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **20JA01483**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Samantha Salach (Mother)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **May 26, 2022**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Diane Pezanoski** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **May 23, 2023**, at **10:00 AM** in CALENDAR **17** COURTROOM **A**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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Iris Y. Martinez, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
April 24, 2023 7421376

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that J. Sterling Morton High School District 201 will accept sealed lump sum trade contractor bids for the Structural Column Repair Project at Morton West HS 2400 Home Ave. Berwyn, IL 60402.
Bid packages include: BP1 Abatement, BP3 Cast-in-Place Concrete, BP5 Structural Steel. Prime Trade Agreements will be assigned to the Construction Manager, Vision Construction & Consulting, Inc.
The project consists of providing all work per Contract Documents dated 03/01/2023 prepared by Wight & Co. 2500 N Frontage Rd. Darien, IL 60561. Bid Manual dated 04/21/2023 prepared by Vision Construction & Consulting, Inc. 1733 N. 33rd Ave. Stone Park, IL 60165, Asbestos Design Project dated 04/21/2023 prepared by Weaver Consultants Group 35 E Wacker Dr Chicago IL 60601 and all addenda issued by Vision Construction and Consulting, Inc. during the bid period. Additional Details pertaining to the construction project are set forth in the Bid Documents, available on or after 04/21/2023.
All bidders must procure a current set of drawings, specifications and bid manual from Vision Construction and Consulting, Inc. 708-488-1926 or from BHFX Digital Imaging, 80 W. Seegers Rd. Arlington Heights, IL 60005, 847-593-3161.
Bidders may rely only on information contained in the bid documents and provided in written addenda issued by Vision Construction and Consulting, Inc. during this bid process, and shall not rely on any oral information or interpretations given by any representatives or agents of J. Sterling Morton HS District 201, Wight & Co., Engineers, Consultants or Vision Construction and Consulting, Inc.
There will be a non-mandatory Pre-Bid meeting held on 04/27/2023, 1:00PM local prevailing time at Morton West HS 2400 Home Ave. Berwyn, IL. 60402. A tour of the work areas will follow the meeting. Additional tours of work areas can be arranged by contacting Vision Construction & Consulting, Inc. attn. Bob Orseske 708-488-1926 email bob@visionconstruction.us. All bidders and their subs are invited to attend the pre-bid meeting. All bidders are required to tour the work areas.
Sealed bids will be received by J. Sterling Morton HS District 201 at their Administrative Offices located at 5801 W. Cermak Rd. Cicero, Illinois 60804 on May 4, 2023 until 2:00PM local prevailing time. Submit physical copies of Bids. Immediately thereafter, the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Public Bid Opening will be an in-person and a virtual zoom meeting. No immediate decision will be rendered. Bids will be tabulated, studied, and presented to the Owner. Contracts will be awarded, if at all, by J. Sterling Morton HS District 201 at their next Board meeting. All questions concerning the bid must be submitted to Vision Construction & Consulting, Inc. in writing.
Bidders must comply with prevailing wage requirements in accordance with IDOL for Cook County, Illinois and with all equal employment requirements.
All bidders are required to submit a bid security with their bid. The security amount shall be ten percent (10%) of their total bid amount. The bid security may be in the form of a bid bond issued by a surety licensed to do business in the State of Illinois, a cashier's check or a certified check payable to the School District.
The District reserves the right to defer the award of the contract(s) for a period not to exceed sixty (60) calendar days from the date bids are received, and to accept or reject any or all bids, and to waive technicalities.
April 24, 2023 - 7420998

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Xa'vion Bell, AKA, Xa'vion Montrez Bell

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Lakeisha Robinson (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA00120**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Lakeisha Robinson (Mother) & Larrell Knox (Father) & Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **December 15, 2022**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Jennifer Payne** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **June 2, 2023**, at **9:00 AM** in CALENDAR **12** COURTROOM **A**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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Iris Y. Martinez, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
April 24, 2023 7421291

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LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE - NOTICE OF FILING

NORTHERN ILLINOIS GAS COMPANY d/b/a Nicor Gas Company hereby gives notice to the public that it has filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission on April 13, 2023, testimony and exhibits in Docket No. 22-0640 setting forth a reconciliation of the Company's Gas Supply Cost revenues with actual gas costs for 2022. Further information with respect thereto may be obtained either directly from this Company or by addressing the Chief Clerk of the Illinois Commerce Commission at Springfield, Illinois 62701.

Northern Illinois Gas Company d/b/a Nicor Gas Company

Wendell Dallas,
President & CEO, Nicor Gas

Gas Supply Cost Notice: GSC

LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE - NOTICE OF FILING

NORTHERN ILLINOIS GAS COMPANY d/b/a Nicor Gas Company hereby gives notice to the public that it has filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission on April 18, 2023, testimony and exhibits in Docket No. 22-0289 setting forth a reconciliation of the Company's Energy Efficiency Plan Cost Recovery revenues and incurred costs for the period ending December 31, 2021. Further information with respect thereto may be obtained either directly from this Company or by addressing the Chief Clerk of the Illinois Commerce Commission at Springfield, Illinois 62701.

Northern Illinois Gas Company d/b/a Nicor Gas Company

Wendell Dallas,
President & CEO, Nicor Gas

Energy Efficiency Plan: EEP

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CHICAGO ACCUWEATHER

Meteorologists Larry Mowry, Cheryl Scott, Jaisol Martinez, Tracy Butler and Greg Dutra

ABC7 Outlook: Cold start. Below freezing outside of the city. Then sunshine but still cool. Scattered showers arrive late.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Day / Night	Day / Night	Day / Night	Day / Night	Day / Night	Day / Night
High: 49 Low: 41	High: 45 Low: 38	High: 46 Low: 39	High: 56 Low: 43	High: 58 Low: 43	High: 53 Low: 41
Warmer with clouds and sun	Mostly cloudy, showers around; chilly	Breezy in the a.m.; mostly sunny, chilly	Clouds and sun	Mostly cloudy	Breezy with periods of rain
POP: 25%	POP: 85%	POP: 5%	POP: 15%	POP: 25%	POP: 60%
Winds: NW 6-12 mph	Winds: SSE 8-16 mph	Winds: NE 10-20 mph	Winds: ESE 8-16 mph	Winds: E 8-16 mph	Winds: SSW 10-20 mph

CHICAGO FORECAST

Monday Conditions

8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
AccuWeather.com UV Index™						
2	3	4	4	3	1	0
RealFeel Temperature®						
37	46	50	51	51	44	44

Monday Activities

8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
Golfing Index						
4	6	7	7	7	5	3
Fishing Index						
2	4	10	10	8	8	2

The higher the **AccuWeather.com UV Index** number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection. **0-2** Low, **3-5** Moderate, **6-7** High, **8-10** Very High, **11+** Extreme. The patented **AccuWeather.com RealFeel Temperature** is an exclusive index of effective temperature based on eight weather factors. **Golf and Fishing Indexes: 0-2**: Poor; **3-4**: Fair; **5-6**: Good; **7-8**: Very Good; **9-10**: Excellent.

CHICAGO ALMANAC

Sunday Temperatures

O'Hare through 4 p.m.

High	42
Low	36
Normal high	62
Normal low	43
Record high	88 (1960)
Record low	25 (1986)

Local Temperatures

through 6 p.m. Sunday

Location	Hi	Lo	Normal Hi	Normal Lo
Aurora	40	32	63	40
Gary	43	37	62	43
Kankakee	42	31	64	42
Lansing	42	35	62	42
Midway	42	36	63	44
Romeoville	41	34	64	42
Valparaiso	42	35	65	42
Waukegan	42	33	58	39

Sunday Precipitation

	2023	2022	Normal
Sunday*	Trace	0.00"	0.13"
Month to date	1.56"	3.32"	2.75"
Year to date	11.79"	10.47"	9.16"

*24-hour period ending 4 p.m. Sunday

Pollen as of 4/21

Trees	Grass	Weeds	Mold
Moderate	Absent	Absent	Low

Source: National Allergy Bureau

Air Quality Index

Sunday's reading: **Good**

Monday's forecast: **Good**

Primary pollutant: **Particulates**

Source: AirNow.gov

Sun and Moon

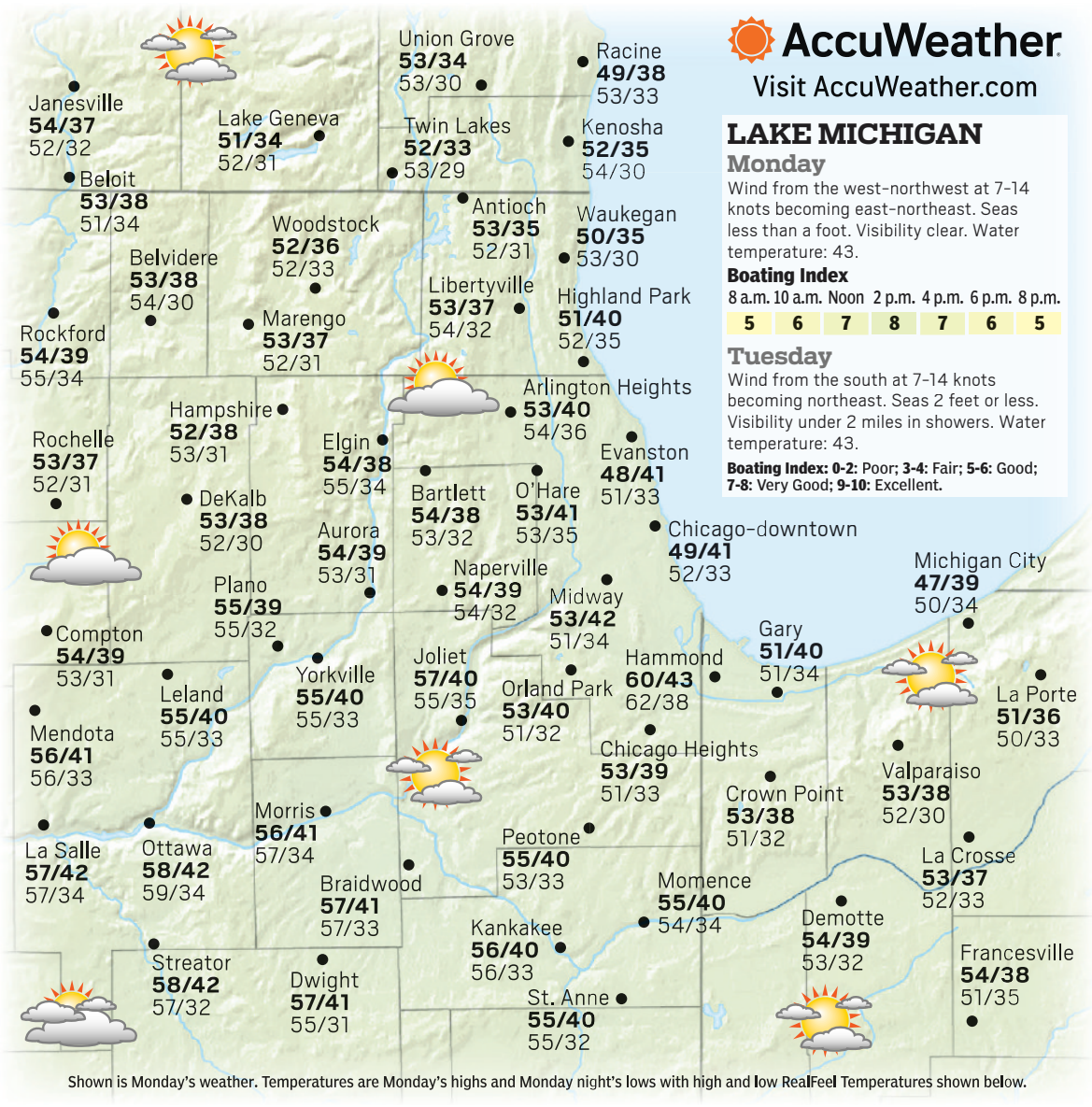
	Mon.	Tue.
Sunrise	5:57 a.m.	5:56 a.m.
Sunset	7:41 p.m.	7:42 p.m.
Moonrise	8:38 a.m.	9:30 a.m.
Moonset	12:00 a.m.	12:58 a.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Apr 27	May 5	May 12	May 19

Monday's Planet Watch

	Rise	Set
Mercury	6:14 a.m.	8:42 p.m.
Venus	7:55 a.m.	11:19 p.m.
Mars	10:09 a.m.	1:28 a.m.
Jupiter	5:40 a.m.	6:49 p.m.
Saturn	3:47 a.m.	2:33 p.m.

Best viewing times today: Venus: 8:10 p.m. Mars: 8:10 p.m. Jupiter: not visible Saturn: 5:25 a.m. Mercury: 8:10 p.m.



Shown is Monday's weather. Temperatures are Monday's highs and Monday night's lows with high and low RealFeel Temperatures shown below.

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LAKE MICHIGAN

Monday

Wind from the west-northwest at 7-14 knots becoming east-northeast. Seas less than a foot. Visibility clear. Water temperature: 43.

Boating Index

8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
5	6	7	8	7	6	5

Tuesday

Wind from the south at 7-14 knots becoming northeast. Seas 2 feet or less. Visibility under 2 miles in showers. Water temperature: 43.

Boating Index: 0-2: Poor; **3-4**: Fair; **5-6**: Good; **7-8**: Very Good; **9-10**: Excellent.

ASK abc7

Greg Dutra

QUESTION: Can Lake Michigan ever overflow and flood the city of Chicago or its suburbs?

Ronald Blocker- Glenwood, IL An understandable concern to have on your mind given how high the lake as been the last few years. Lake levels have been measured since the 1860s, but only reliably so since 1918. The lowest was just over 576 feet and highest just over 582 feet. While we see some city flooding during severe weather, permanent inundation is not likely over time scales that we live and plan on. While the global climate models are split on whether Lake Michigan sees an increase or decrease in water level during the next 50+ years, they are unanimous in only budging by 1-2 feet on either side.

Do you have a weather question for the ABC 7 team? Submit them at **abc7chicago.com/weather** or send them to:

Ask ABC 7 Weather Team
190 N. State Street
Chicago, IL 60601

NATIONAL FORECAST

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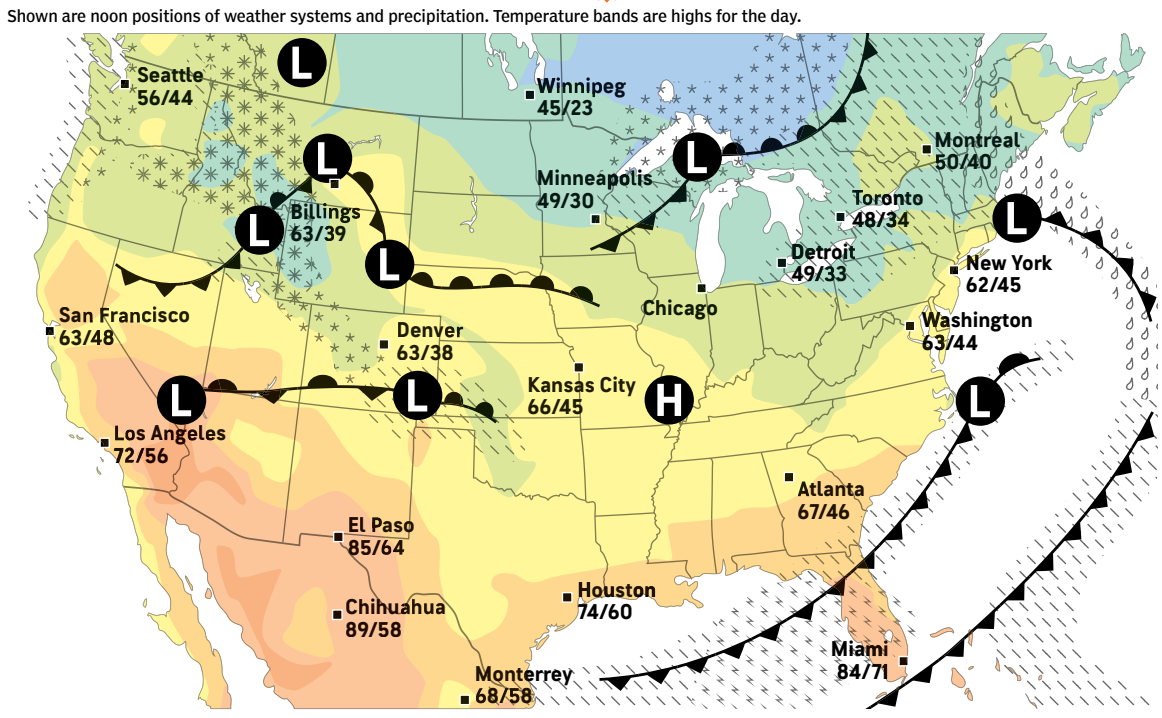
Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.



REGIONAL CITIES

City	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	Tue. Hi/Lo/W
Illinois		
Carbondale	62/40/s	67/44/c
Champaign	60/42/pc	60/35/sh
Decatur	59/44/pc	61/40/sh
Moline	58/40/pc	57/35/sh
Peoria	58/43/pc	59/35/sh
Quincy	61/47/pc	64/41/sh
Rockford	54/39/pc	52/32/sh
Springfield	60/46/pc	62/40/sh
Sterling	56/39/pc	55/31/sh
Indiana		
Bloomington	55/35/s	65/41/c
Evansville	60/38/pc	66/43/c
Fort Wayne	52/34/c	51/36/sh
Indianapolis	53/37/pc	60/38/c
Lafayette	57/42/pc	56/35/sh
South Bend	51/35/pc	48/30/sh
Wisconsin		
Green Bay	49/35/sh	45/31/pc
Kenosha	52/35/pc	48/32/sh
La Crosse	53/31/pc	52/32/pc
Madison	51/35/pc	51/29/pc
Milwaukee	50/37/pc	47/36/sh
Wausau	47/31/sh	50/27/pc
Michigan		
Detroit	49/33/sh	50/37/sh
Grand Rapids	49/31/sh	48/30/sh
Marquette	38/26/c	36/28/pc
Sault Ste. Marie	39/30/sn	42/31/pc
Traverse City	46/30/pc	48/31/sh
Iowa		
Ames	57/38/pc	55/32/c
Cedar Rapids	55/35/c	52/32/c
Des Moines	57/40/c	56/38/c
Dubuque	53/36/s	51/30/pc

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	Tue. Hi/Lo/W
Abilene	64/55/t	80/62/t
Albany, NY	55/37/c	56/35/c
Albuquerque	71/50/pc	72/42/t
Amarillo	61/48/t	72/45/t
Anchorage	40/28/pc	46/31/c
Asheville	60/35/pc	61/45/pc
Aspen	50/32/c	46/30/r
Atlanta	67/46/c	68/55/c
Atlantic City	62/45/s	61/46/s
Austin	70/58/pc	74/65/t
Baltimore	61/40/pc	63/45/s
Billings	63/39/pc	59/41/c
Birmingham	68/47/pc	72/55/c
Bismarck	51/26/pc	52/36/c
Boise	54/34/sh	62/39/s
Boston	56/44/c	57/44/sh
Brownsville	82/69/t	86/71/c
Buffalo	46/35/sf	48/36/pc
Burlington, VT	49/38/c	56/38/c
Charleston, SC	73/53/pc	73/59/sh
Charleston, WV	56/32/pc	62/37/pc
Charlotte	68/44/s	67/51/pc
Cheyenne	58/36/t	45/35/r
Cincinnati	53/34/s	59/41/c
Cleveland	49/34/sf	52/40/c
Colorado Spgs	61/34/c	53/34/r
Columbia, MO	66/45/pc	67/45/c
Columbia, SC	65/45/pc	73/55/pc
Columbus, OH	50/32/pc	57/40/c
Concord	55/41/sh	59/38/c
Corpus Christi	74/68/t	82/68/t
Dallas	64/54/c	66/60/t
Daytona Beach	80/63/sh	78/67/t
Denver	63/38/c	53/34/r
Duluth	39/21/sf	40/25/pc
El Paso	85/64/s	85/59/pc
Fairbanks	26/8/pc	40/15/pc
Fargo	45/24/s	52/28/s
Flagstaff	63/36/c	66/31/pc
Fort Myers	85/67/t	87/67/t
Fort Smith	69/49/sh	53/47/r
Fresno	82/53/s	80/57/s
Grand Junction	66/41/t	55/40/sh
Great Falls	53/35/sh	58/35/c
Harrisburg	58/38/pc	60/41/pc
Hartford	60/38/c	59/37/pc
Helena, MT	50/38/t	60/36/c
Honolulu	83/73/pc	83/72/sh
Houston	74/60/pc	79/64/t
Int'l Falls	42/13/c	46/17/pc
Jackson, MS	71/49/pc	75/54/c
Jacksonville	75/59/c	77/62/t
Juneau	49/40/r	49/39/sh
Kansas City	66/45/pc	62/45/sh
Las Vegas	89/66/s	83/60/s
Lexington	56/33/s	61/41/pc
Lincoln	68/39/pc	62/42/c
Little Rock	67/47/c	58/50/sh
Los Angeles	72/56/pc	74/55/pc
Louisville	60/40/s	66/45/c
Macon	72/44/c	76/54/c
Memphis	66/48/c	61/51/sh
Miami	84/71/t	84/72/t
Minneapolis	49/30/pc	52/32/s
Mobile	72/51/pc	78/61/c
Montgomery	72/48/c	78/57/c
Nashville	63/41/s	67/50/pc
New Orleans	75/62/pc	79/67/c
New York City	62/45/pc	60/47/pc
Norfolk	60/51/s	62/50/s
Oklahoma City	62/49/t	54/46/r
Omaha	64/40/c	60/41/c
Orlando	83/64/t	83/66/t
Palm Beach	83/69/t	83/73/t
Palm Springs	94/65/s	94/70/s
Philadelphia	62/43/pc	61/45/pc
Phoenix	93/68/s	90/65/s
Pittsburgh	49/31/c	56/38/pc
Portland, ME	48/42/sh	50/39/r
Portland, OR	58/41/sh	66/44/pc
Providence	61/42/c	59/41/c
Raleigh	66/44/s	67/49/s
Rapid City	56/33/c	47/35/sh
Reno	72/40/s	67/41/s
Richmond	66/43/s	64/46/s
Rochester	48/33/sf	50/37/pc
Sacramento	78/51/s	86/51/s
St. Louis	63/47/pc	67/46/c
Salem, OR	59/40/sh	64/43/pc
Salt Lake City	61/38/t	52/39/sh
San Antonio	68/60/t	76/64/t
San Diego	67/60/pc	66/57/pc
San Francisco	63/48/s	69/51/s
San Juan	82/72/pc	84/72/pc
Santa Fe	68/41/pc	63/35/t
Savannah	74/55/pc	75/61/sh
Seattle	56/44/sh	57/43/pc
Shreveport	69/53/pc	69/57/t
Sioux Falls	57/36/pc	53/32/pc
Spokane	53/36/c	57/39/pc
Syracuse	52/36/c	52/37/pc
Tallahassee	76/56/pc	83/63/pc
Tampa	82/68/t	85/70/c
Topeka	67/44/sh	62/46/sh
Tucson	89/62/s	89/61/s
Tulsa	69/50/sh	53/46/r
Washington, DC	63/44/pc	62/47/s
Wichita	65/48/sh	51/44/r
Wilkes-Barre	58/39/c	57/37/pc
Yuma	92/65/s	91/66/s

WORLD CITIES

City	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	Tue. Hi/Lo/W
Acapulco	87/73/s	88/73/s
Algiers	80/51/s	83/53/pc
Amsterdam	50/39/sh	49/36/pc
Ankara	60/33/sh	65/41/pc
Athens	70/55/pc	73/58/pc
Auckland	65/47/pc	65/61/pc
Baghdad	85/59/sh	89/60/s
Bangkok	100/83/s	100/82/t
Barbados	85/76/sh	86/76/c
Barcelona	67/56/pc	68/58/pc
Beijing	63/47/c	70/38/pc
Beirut	72/56/s	72/57/s
Berlin	62/44/sh	51/37/pc
Bermuda	71/65/pc	70/64/r
Bogota	63/50/c	63/49/c
Brussels	53/42/sh	51/34/pc
Bucharest	71/48/t	66/50/t
Budapest	64/52/sh	65/45/c
Bueno Aires	70/63/c	69/60/sh
Cairo	86/62/s	87/66/s
Cancun	89/75/c	89/77/s
Caracas	88/73/pc	89/74/pc
Casablanca	84/54/s	89/58/s
Copenhagen	56/45/r	50/39/sh
Dublin	49/30/c	49/38/c
Edmonton	55/35/sh	54/31/c
Frankfurt	57/43/sh	54/34/pc
Geneva	61/46/sh	58/40/sh
Guadalajara	90/55/c	88/54/pc
Havana	87/68/t	88/68/t
Helsinki	59/37/c	66/42/c
Hong Kong	82/74/t	78/70/t
Istanbul	64/53/s	68/56/pc
Jerusalem	71/49/s	72/48/s
Johannesburg	77/54/pc	77/57/s
Kabul	75/52/pc	73/49/c
Kingston	88/77/pc	87/76/s
Kyiv	65/44/sh	67/48/pc
Lima	80/71/pc	79/70/pc
Lisbon	76/56/pc	78/55/s
London	52/37/sh	54/39/c
Madrid	79/50/pc	83/51/pc
Manila	92/80/t	92/79/s
Mexico City	79/56/pc	83/56/pc
Monterrey	68/58/t	86/61/pc
Montreal	50/40/c	53/36/c
Moscow	71/47/c	65/49/c
Munich	56/41/sh	47/38/r
Nairobi	78/61/t	75/60/t
Nassau	85/73/pc	84/73/t
New Delhi	94/71/pc	96/74/pc
Oslo	44/39/r	42/36/sh
Ottawa	51/35/c	53/35/c
Panama City	91/70/pc	92/67/s
Paris	57/42/sh	55/42/c
Prague	58/41/sh	52/34/pc
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NATION & WORLD

Bed Bath & Beyond plans to close

Big-box retailer files for bankruptcy after years of struggling

By Anne D'Innocenzio
Associated Press

Bed Bath & Beyond, which started in 1971, never fully implemented online shopping. **JOHN TAGGART/THE NEW YORK TIMES 2022**

NEW YORK — Bed Bath & Beyond, one of the original big-box retailers known for its seemingly endless offerings of sheets, towels and kitchen gadgets, filed for bankruptcy protection, following years of dismal sales and losses and numerous failed turnaround plans.

The home goods chain made the Chapter 11 filing Sunday in U.S. District Court in New Jersey and said it will start an orderly wind down of its operations, while seeking a buyer for all or some of its businesses. In the bankruptcy filing, the retailer said it anticipates closing all of its stores by June 30.

For now, the company's 360 Bed Bath & Beyond stores and its 120 Buy Buy Baby sites as well as its websites will remain open to serve customers.

It listed estimated assets and liabilities in the range of $1 billion to $10 billion. The move comes after the company failed to secure funds to stay afloat.

In a statement, the company, based in Union, New Jersey, said it voluntarily made the filing "to implement an orderly wind down of its businesses while conducting a limited marketing process to solicit interest in one or more sales of some or all of its assets."

The store closings will put thousands of jobs at risk. The company employed 14,000 workers, according to the court filing. That's drastically down from the 32,000 as of February 2022.

Bed Bath & Beyond said it secured a commitment of roughly $240 million in financing from Sixth Street Specialty Lending Inc. to allow it to keep operating during the bankruptcy process.

"It's the death of an icon. A lot of people have grown up with it, " said Neil Saunders, managing director of GlobalData Retail. "It's an institution in retailing, but unfortunately being an institution doesn't protect you from financial woes."

Founded in 1971, Bed Bath & Beyond had for years enjoyed its status as a big-box retailer that offered a vast selection of sheets, towels and gadgets unmatched by department store rivals. It was among the first to introduce shoppers to many of today's household items, like the air fryer or single-serve coffee maker, and its 15% to 20% coupons were ubiquitous.

But for the last decade or so, Bed Bath & Beyond struggled with weak sales, largely because of its messy assortments and lagging online strategy that made it hard to compete with the likes of Target and Walmart, both of which have spruced up their home departments with higher quality sheets and beddings. Meanwhile, online players like Wayfair have lured customers with affordable and trendy furniture and home decor.

In late 2019, Bed Bath & Beyond tapped Target executive Mark Tritton to take the helm and turn around sales. Tritton quickly reduced coupons and started to introduce store label brands at the expense of national labels, a strategy that proved disastrous for the retailer.

And the pandemic, which happened shortly after his arrival, forced the retailer to temporarily close its stores. It was never able to use the crisis to pivot to a successful online strategy as others had, analysts said. While many retailers were grappling with supply chain issues a year ago, Bed Bath was among the most vulnerable, missing many of its 200 bestselling items including kitchen appliances and personal electronics, during the holiday 2021 season.

The retailer ousted Tritton in June 2022 after two back-to-back quarters of disastrous sales. In recent months, the company, under the stewardship of recently appointed president and CEO Sue Grove, went back to its original strategy of focusing on national brands, instead of pushing its own store labels. But the company has had a hard time having suppliers commit to delivering merchandise because of the retailer's financial woes.

This past holiday season, the stores were missing key items, and it lost many customers, a problem that continued to plague the retailer through the winter and spring seasons.

The bankruptcy filing comes as the company's shares have tumbled even more as speculation of an impending bankruptcy filing increased. Its financial performance has also deteriorated. In late March, it noted that preliminary results showed anywhere from a 40% to 50% decline in sales at stores opened at least a year for the quarter ended Feb. 25.

The company also said in a Securities and Exchange Commission filing in late March that it planned to sell $300 million worth of shares to avoid bankruptcy filing.

The home goods retailer had been issuing several warnings about a potential bankruptcy filing since early this year. In late January, it noted in a government filing it was in default of its loans and didn't have the funds to repay what it owes. The company had said the default is forcing the company to look at various alternatives, including restructuring its debt in bankruptcy court.

WAR IN UKRAINE

Troop positions spark talk on counteroffensive

Ukraine establishes a foothold near key town, analysis finds

By David Rising and Joanna Kozlowska
Associated Press

Ukrainian soldiers wave atop a passing tank on the frontline Sunday in Bakhmut, Donetsk region, Ukraine. Recent fighting has seen neither side able to gain much momentum. **LIBKOS/AP**

KYIV, Ukraine — Ukrainian military forces have successfully established positions on the eastern side of the Dnieper River, according to a new analysis, giving rise to speculation Sunday that the advances could be an early sign of Kyiv's long-awaited spring counteroffensive.

The Institute for the Study of War, a Washington-based think tank, reported late Saturday that geolocated footage from pro-Kremlin military bloggers indicated that Ukrainian troops had established a foothold near the town of Oleshky, along with "stable supply lines" to their positions.

Analysts widely believe that if Ukraine goes ahead with a spring counteroffensive, a major goal would be to break through the land corridor between Russia and the annexed Crimean Peninsula, which would necessitate crossing the Dnieper River in the country's south.

Responding to Ukrainian media reports proclaiming that the establishment of such positions indicated the counteroffensive had begun, Natalia Humeniuk, the spokeswoman for Ukraine's Operational Command South, called for patience.

While neither confirming nor denying the ISW report, she said only that details of military operations in the Dnieper delta couldn't be disclosed for operational and security reasons.

Speaking on Ukrainian television, Humeniuk added that it was "very difficult work" when "it's necessary to overcome an obstacle such as the Dnieper, when the front line passes through a wide and powerful river."

The Kremlin-installed head of the Kherson region, one of four parts of Ukraine that Russia said it was illegally annexing in September, denied on Sunday that Ukrainian forces have established a foothold on the east bank of the Dnieper.

In a Telegram update, Vladimir Saldo said that Russian forces are "in full control" of the area, and speculated that the images referenced by the ISW may have depicted Ukrainian sabotage units that "managed to take a selfie" across the Dnieper before being forced back.

After more than a year since the Russian invasion, recent fighting has become a war of attrition, with neither side able to gain momentum.

But Ukraine has recently received sophisticated weapons from its Western allies, and new troops freshly trained in the West, giving rise to growing anticipation of a counteroffensive.

American-made Patriot missiles arrived in Ukraine last week and military spokesman Yuriy Ihnat said Sunday on Ukrainian television that some have already gone into battlefield service.

The U.S. agreed in October to send the surface-to-air systems, which can target aircraft, cruise missiles and shorter-range ballistic missiles such as those that Russia has used to bombard residential areas and the Ukrainian power grid.

The fiercest battles have been in the eastern Donetsk region, where Russia is struggling to encircle the city of Bakhmut in the face of dogged Ukrainian defense.

On Sunday, Russian Defense Ministry spokesman Igor Konashenkov claimed Moscow's forces had captured two more neighborhoods in the western part of Bakhmut, without providing further details or clarifying what areas were still in Ukrainian hands.

In the south, the Dnieper has for months marked the contact line in the Kherson region, where its namesake capital is regularly pummeled by shelling from Russian forces stationed across the river.

In addition to having established a foothold near the town of Oleshky, across the Dnieper delta from Kherson, ISW said that Ukrainian troops were also approaching the nearby village of Dachi, citing data from Russian military bloggers.

In Telegram posts on Thursday and Saturday, ISW said the bloggers claimed that Ukrainian forces had maintained these positions for weeks and established stable supply lines to them, indicating a lack of Russian control over the area.

The Associated Press confirmed the posts from the bloggers, but it wasn't immediately possible to independently verify the data they shared.

Russia is also expected to launch more intensive attacks in the spring, but ISW reported that top Russian defense figures are showing signs that they may be pushing for a consolidation of existing gains in Ukraine, rather than costly new operations, as Moscow struggles with both material and manpower.

Former President Alejandro Toledo, center, is detained Sunday upon his arrival at Lima's airport. **PERU'S NATIONAL POLICE**

Peru's ex-leader to face corruption charges

By Franklin Briceno
Associated Press

LIMA, Peru — Former President Alejandro Toledo arrived Sunday in Lima after being extradited from his current home in the United States to face charges he allegedly received millions of dollars in bribes in a giant corruption scandal that has ensnared four of Peru's ex-presidents.

Toledo, who was Peru's president from 2001 to 2006, had surrendered to U.S. authorities Friday, ending a yearslong legal battle against his extradition, which began in 2019 when he was arrested at his home in Menlo Park, California.

Police and Peru's prosecutor's office received Toledo, 77, at Lima's airport Sunday.

Toldeo will serve 18 months of preventative detention while he is investigated for allegedly taking at least $20 million in bribes from Odebrecht, a Brazilian construction company that has admitted to U.S. authorities that it bribed officials to win contracts throughout Latin America for decades.

Toledo has denied the charges.

After his arrest in California, he was initially held in solitary confinement at the Santa Rita Jail about 40 miles east of San Francisco but was released in 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic and his deteriorating mental health.

Toledo could be held in the prison that already holds ex-President Alberto Fujimori (1990-2000) and ex-President Pedro Castillo (2021-2022). Fujimori is serving a 25-year prison sentence for his role in the murders of 25 Peruvians during his administration. Castillo is being held in pretrial detention while being investigated for rebellion in attempting to dissolve Parliament in 2022.

Former President Ollanta Humala is standing trial on charges he and his wife received over $3 million from Odebrecht.

Okla. county fears fallout from tape

Booming area recoils after elected officials caught in racist chat

By Sean Murphy
Associated Press

Owner Tommy "Blue" McDaniel shows the process of making bourbon at his distilling company last week in Broken Bow, Okla. McDaniel calls the area "a diverse community, a welcoming community." Many locals back that assessment. **ALONZO ADAMS/AP**

IDABEL, Okla. — So many residents of northern Texas cross the border into McCurtain County in far southeast Oklahoma each week that the area has earned the nickname of the "Dallas-Fort Worth Hamptons."

With its clean rivers and lakes, these forested foothills of the Ouchita Mountains have become dotted with luxury cabins, and a tourism boom over the last two decades has fueled a renaissance in the region. Jobs are no longer limited to the timber industry or the chicken processing plant, and parents are more optimistic that their children won't have to leave the community to find work.

But the growing optimism about the county's future took a gut punch this month when the local newspaper identified several county officials, including Sheriff Kevin Clardy and a county commissioner, who were caught on tape discussing killing journalists and lynching Black people.

One commissioner has resigned, and elected officials, including the mayor of Idabel and Republican Gov. Kevin Stitt, have called for the others to step down.

"Just hearing it on audio and coming from our elected officials' mouths in a meeting, it made my stomach turn," said Lonnie Watson, a lifelong county resident and 7th grade teacher and coach who is Black. "It was shocking. It was sad. It was hurtful. Just to hear the hate ... was just gut-wrenching."

For its part, the sheriff's office has only released one formal statement since the McCurtain Gazette-News broke the story in which the sheriff's office didn't address the remarks, but claimed the recording was illegally obtained.

"Unfortunately, all of our attorneys are telling us we are supposed to stay quiet," Undersheriff Mike Manning said Thursday. "I'd love for everybody to hear both sides of the story." On Friday, the governor, who has called for Clardy and others said to be involved in the taped conversation to resign, released a letter that he sent to state Attorney General Gentner Drummond, asking him to investigate possibly removing Clardy from office for willful misconduct.

"As I understand it, Sheriff Clardy has, at the least, willfully failed or neglected to diligently and faithfully 'keep and preserve the peace' of McCurtain County," according to the letter signed by Stitt. "Should you find that there is reasonable cause for such complaint, I urge you to institute proceedings to oust Sheriff Clardy from office."

A spokesperson for Drummond said investigators are already looking into the case.

"The Office of Attorney General is investigating this matter. Attorney General Drummond will review the Governor's letter and take appropriate action," said Drummond spokesperson Phil Bacharach.

While many county residents say the racist remarks are a throwback to a bygone era, they still worry about the negative repercussions the incident will have on the community's reputation.

"We have concerns. We do. Anyone in their right mind would," said Tommy "Blue" McDaniel, who owns and operates the county's first legal distillery, Hochatown Distilling, in the heart of the county's tourism region. "But that stuff down there is a few individuals. It's not what McCurtain County is, and it's definitely not what Hochatown is.

"It's a diverse community, a welcoming community."

McDaniel's assessment was echoed by many in the county. With a population of about 31,000 and bordering both Arkansas and Texas, the county is a part of the state known as "Little Dixie" because of the influence in the area from white Southerners who migrated there after the Civil War. Although about 60% of the county is white, there are significant numbers of Native American (18%), Black (8%) and Hispanic (7%) people.

Like many communities across the country, particularly in the South, the towns in McCurtain County were historically segregated, but have become more integrated since the 1960s.

Idabel, the county seat, was the site of racial violence in 1980 when a riot erupted after a local Black teenager was fatally shot outside an all-white club. Tensions grew so high that martial law was declared and the governor called in the National Guard, said Kenny Sivard, a local historian.

"What didn't help was the grand imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan came down to the Idabel courthouse and made his appearance," Sivard said. "That didn't help matters at all, as you can imagine."

The county also has a long history of lawlessness dating back to days before statehood in 1907, when Oklahoma was Indian Territory and bandits would take refuge in the mountainous region, said Bob Burke, a McCurtain County native who has written more than 100 nonfiction books about Oklahoma and its people.

With its clean rivers and remote locations, the area also became a haven for moonshiners who set up stills in the heavily forested hills. That reputation for operating outside the law continued into the later part of the 20th century when the methamphetamine epidemic swept through the area.

Even today, although Oklahoma became the last state to ban cockfighting in 2002, animal rights activists say the blood sport still takes place in the region and that local law enforcement sometimes turns a blind eye. One state lawmaker from nearby Atoka County is still working to reduce the penalties for cockfighting.

Still, McCurtain County has worked hard to shed its reputation for lawlessness and racial strife, aided in large part by the construction of Broken Bow Lake in the heart of the county in the late 1960s. Fed by the Mountain Fork River, the clear lake surrounded by forested hills has been a huge tourism draw that continues to this day.

The Choctaw Nation's historic reservation encompasses the entire county and most of southern Oklahoma, and the tribe has broken ground on a $165 million, 200,000-square-foot resort hotel and casino near the lake and Beavers Bend State Park that is scheduled to open later this year.

It's projects like these and the growing tourism industry that residents like McDaniel, the distillery operator, hope McCurtain County will come to be known for.

"I see a bright future," McDaniel said. "We've got some problems we're going to have to work through, but those problems, those are some dying vestiges. Those are some dying cries of people here who want to preserve the old ways, but we're moving forward, and forward doesn't include what's going on down there."

Mount Herzl in Jerusalem is Israel's main military cemetery. Israelis face a tense week, with Memorial Day and Israel's 75th birthday. **AVISHAG SHAAR-YASHUV/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

Deeply divided Israel limps toward its 75th anniversary

By Isabel Kershner
The New York Times

JERUSALEM — Every Memorial Day, thousands of families who have lost brothers, sisters and siblings to Israel's endless wars and terrorist attacks gather to remember the dead, a commemoration this week that was to have been followed this year by a jubilant celebration of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the country.

But Israel is deeply divided as never before, and what should have been a time of national contemplation and celebration is being overshadowed by protests and political chaos, which have torn at the country for the past few months.

The minister overseeing the televised state ceremony for the country's 75th Independence Day celebration, which will be marked from sundown Tuesday until sundown Wednesday, has instructed the event's director to cut from a live broadcast to a prerecorded dress rehearsal in the event of a disruption by protesters.

Yair Lapid, leader of the parliamentary opposition, has announced that he will not attend.

And bereaved families are pleading for politicians to forgo the usual speeches they deliver on Memorial Day at military cemeteries across the country, fearing angry outbursts at a time when Israelis are supposed to unite in honoring the dead.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is scheduled to speak at Mount Herzl, the location of Israel's main military cemetery, after a siren sounds at 11 a.m. Wednesday.

Netanyahu is himself from a bereaved family: His brother was killed during an Israeli commando raid to rescue hostages from Entebbe, Uganda, in 1976 and is buried on the mount.

"I'm not speaking for one side or another," said Sigalit Bezaleli, who has worked as an administrator for decades at Mount Herzl. "Whoever wants to come and honor us is welcome. The cemeteries are open to all."

But, she added, "I want our politicians to make a gesture and not to speak."

That impatience with politicians has become widespread across Israel in recent months after a bid by the government to overhaul the judiciary carved deep fissures in society.

Critics say the plan will weaken the country's Supreme Court, remove protections for minorities and undermine the democratic character of the state.

Supporters of the government sworn in late last year — the most right-wing and religiously conservative in Israel's history — say the judicial plan is a necessary one that will give more power to voters and their elected representatives and curb the authorities of an unelected judiciary.

"Israel was always a deeply divided society, but somehow it held together," said Tom Segev, an Israeli author, historian and journalist. "The difference now is that we are really discussing the basic values of this society."

The protests against Netanyahu's government show that many Israelis are "genuinely frightened" for the country's future, Segev said.

Associated Press contributed.

Fox unlikely to be on hook for entire $787.5M settlement

By Mae Anderson
Associated Press

Dominion Voting Systems holds a news conference Tuesday outside a Wilmington, Del., court after it settled with Fox News over 2020 election lies. **JULIO CORTEZ/AP**

Fox Corp.'s $787.5 million settlement with Dominion Voting Systems over defamation charges is eye-popping, but the ultimate cost to the media company is likely to be much lower.

On Tuesday, Fox settled with Dominion over charges that Fox News baselessly accused the company of rigging its voting machines against then-President Donald Trump in 2020. It was the most-watched media libel case in decades.

Fox had about $4 billion of cash on hand as of December 2022, and MoffettNathanson analyst Robert Fishman expects the company to pay the settlement during the current quarter.

How much the lawsuit will actually end up costing Fox is unclear because there are ways it can defray some of the expense, primarily through insurance and the use of tax deductions.

Fox can deduct the Dominion settlement from its income taxes as an expense necessary for the cost of doing business. Fox Chief Communications Officer Brian Nick has confirmed the deductibility of the settlement.

Big companies often deduct large settlements to help offset some of the cost, but since settlement amounts are usually confidential, it's difficult to pin down exactly how much they benefit. Payments that are seen as restitution or compensation can be deducted, while payments made to the government or at the direction of a government are usually not deductible.

Robert Willens, a tax professor at the Columbia University School of Business, estimates that after the tax write-off, Fox will incur about three-fourths of the settlement amount, about $590 million.

"The key is that if the payments are being made to private parties and not at the behest of the government then you can pretty much conclude without any fear of contradiction that the payment will be deductible," he said.

A study by the Government Accountability Office in 2005 found that of 34 settlements totaling over $1 billion, 20 companies reported deducting some portion or all of their settlement payments. Big banks such as Bank of America and JPMorgan Chase reportedly also deducted portions of their settlements of charges tied the financial crisis of 2008.

Also, if Fox is insured, insurance is likely to cover some of the settlement. Chad Milton, a partner at Media Risk Consultants, said a large media company such as Fox could have $100 million to $500 million in coverage, including media liability insurance and other types of insurance. "It's not hard to stack up $100 million, but as you go higher than that, it gets harder and harder," Milton said.

Usually, there's a certain amount a media company has to pay, which could be in the millions, before insurance kicks in. However, the deductible includes attorney fees, which in a high-profile case like Fox-Dominion could be tens of millions of dollars or higher, so the deductible could be swallowed up just by attorney fees.

One wrinkle: Even if an insurance company pays a substantial part of the settlement, there could be an annual aggregate limit of liability, which could mean that insurers wouldn't cover another big-money settlement.

And media companies and insurers don't always agree on who should cover what, since there are caveats written into contracts that allow insurers to avoid paying under certain circumstances.

Fox has said it can weather the settlement.

"We don't expect significant operational effects or changes to our business given our cash flow, strong balance sheet and the health of our business," the company said in a statement after the settlement was announced.

But Fox faces a similar lawsuit with another voting machine company, Smartmatic.

NEWS BRIEFING

Montana pollution lawsuit could curb use of aerial fire retardant

From news services

BILLINGS, Mont. — A legal dispute in Montana could drastically curb the government's use of aerial fire retardant to combat wildfires after environmentalists raised concerns about waterways that are being polluted with the potentially toxic red slurry that's dropped from aircraft.

A coalition that includes Paradise, California — where a 2018 blaze killed 85 people and destroyed the town — said a court ruling against the U.S. Forest Service in the case could put lives, homes and forests at risk.

An advocacy group that's suing the agency claims officials are flouting a federal clean water law by continuing to use retardant without taking adequate precautions to protect streams and rivers.

The group, Forest Service Employees for Environmental Ethics, requested an injunction blocking officials from using aerial retardant until they get a pollution permit.

The dispute comes as wildfires across North America have grown bigger and more destructive over the past two decades because climate change, people moving into fire-prone areas, and overgrown forests are creating more catastrophic megafires that are harder to fight.

Forest Service officials acknowledged in court filings that retardant has been dropped into waterways more then 200 times over the past decade. They said it happens usually by mistake and in less than 1% of the thousands of drops annually, and that environmental damage from fires can exceed the pollution from retardant.

"The only way to prevent accidental discharges of retardant to waters is to prohibit its use entirely," government attorneys wrote. "Such a prohibition would be tantamount to a complete ban of aerial discharges of retardant."

A ruling from U.S. District Judge Dana Christensen is expected sometime after the opposing sides present their arguments during a Monday hearing in federal court in Missoula.

NBCUniversal ouster: Jeff Shell, the chief executive of NBCUniversal, is departing the company after an investigation into inappropriate conduct, Comcast announced Sunday.

In a brief statement, Shell said Sunday would be his last day after what he called "an inappropriate relationship with a woman in the company."

"I'm truly sorry I let my Comcast and NBCUniversal colleagues down, they are the most talented people in the business and the opportunity to work with them the last 19 years has been a privilege," Shell said.

Shell, who had been with the company since 2004, was named CEO of NBCUniversal in January 2020. He oversaw the company's portfolio of news and entertainment television networks, a premiere motion picture company, significant television and sports production operations and a leading television stations group, according to the company website. He also oversaw the company's theme parks and a premium ad-supported streaming service.

Comcast did not say who will succeed Shell.

Myanmar killing: A top election official in Myanmar was fatally shot in his car in Yangon, the country's commercial capital, in the latest attack attributed to militants opposed to military rule.

Deadly crash: A regional train hit a car at a crossing early Sunday near Hannover in northern Germany, killing all three people in the vehicle, police said. The car's driver, 22, was killed along with two women, ages 21 and 22. There were 38 passengers and four railway employees on the train. The car apparently drove onto a crossing although the barriers were closed. **TNN/DPA**

Sai Kyaw Thu, deputy director-general of the military-appointed Union Election Commission, was shot multiple times Saturday, according to the military's information office, media reports and a statement of responsibility from an urban guerrilla group.

The information office on Sunday said the attack was carried out by the People's Defense Force, the loosely organized armed wing of the pro-democracy National Unity Government, an underground group that opposes the military-installed government that was established when the army seized power two years ago.

Armenian march: About 10,000 people bearing torches Sunday night marched through Armenia's capital of Yerevan to commemorate the estimated 1.5 million Armenians killed in Ottoman Turkey more than a century ago.

The march from a central square to a sprawling memorial complex began with activists burning the flags of Turkey and Azerbaijan.

Tensions between Armenia and Azerbaijan have spiraled in recent months since the blockage of the road leading to the ethnic Armenian region of Nagorno-Karabakh within Azerbaijan.

Historians estimate that, in the last days of the Ottoman Empire, up to 1.5 million Armenians were killed by Ottoman Turks in what is widely regarded as the first genocide of the 20th century.

Armenians have long pushed for the deaths to be recognized worldwide as genocide.

While Turkey concedes that many died in that era, the country has rejected the term genocide, saying the death toll is inflated and the deaths resulted from civil unrest during the Ottoman Empire's collapse.

Armenia on Monday formally observes Genocide Remembrance Day, marking the start of the killings in 1915.

Cult investigation: Thirty-nine bodies have been found on land owned by a pastor in coastal Kenya who was arrested for telling his followers to fast to death.

Malindi sub-county police chief John Kemboi said that more shallow graves have yet to be dug up on the land belonging to pastor Paul Makenzi, who was arrested April 14 over links to cultism.

The total death toll is 43, because four other people died after they and others were discovered starving at the Good News International Church last week.

Police have asked a court to allow them to hold Makenzi longer as investigations into the deaths of his followers continue.

A tipoff from members of the public led police to raid the pastor's property in Malindi, where they found 15 emaciated people, including the four who later died.

The followers said they were starving on the pastor's instructions in order to meet Jesus.

Police had been told there were dozens of shallow graves spread across Makenzi's farm started digging Friday.

Makenzi has been on hunger strike for the past four days while in police custody.

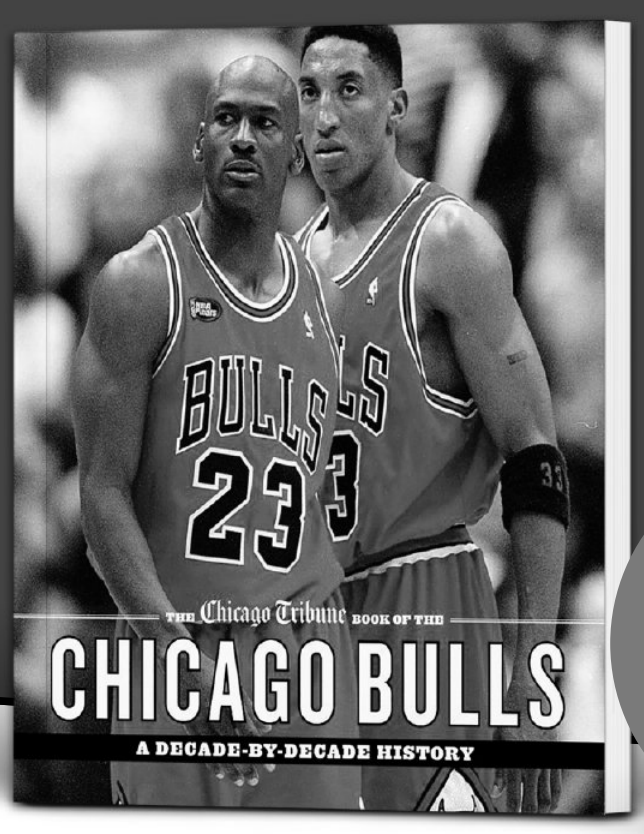
Cults are common in Kenya, which has a largely religious society.

Climber in Nepal: An Indian climber who was rescued after spending three days in a 980-foot-deep crevasse is recovering in a Kathmandu hospital but his condition is still critical, his family said Sunday.

Anurag Maloo had fallen into the crevasse while descending Mount Annapurna, the world's 10th highest, on April 17. After several attempts, he was rescued Thursday.

"He is under medical supervision, but doctors are saying he is slowing improving," said his younger brother, Ashish Maloo.

He called the rescue "a miracle."



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ARTS & LIVING

Keri Russell stars as Kate Wyler, the newly installed ambassador to the United Kingdom, in the new series "The Diplomat." **ALEX BAILEY/NETFLIX PHOTOS**

TV REVIEW 'THE DIPLOMAT' ★★★★

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

Keri Russell stars in a smart, entertaining series that captures the punch and wit of 'The West Wing'

By Nina Metz
Chicago Tribune

"The Diplomat" on Netflix stars Keri Russell as a newly installed U.S. ambassador to the UK. She may be great in a crisis zone, but she has no patience for dressing up or standing on ceremony. She's a little like Sandra Bullock pre-makeover in "Miss Congeniality" — she's not the obvious choice for the post, but she's sent to London anyway with instructions to nod solemnly and defuse a potential global conflict after a British aircraft carrier is bombed off the coast of Iran.

Along for the ride is her husband (played by Rufus Sewell), a former ambassador himself whose jaunty self-assurance and constant back-channel maneuverings tend to have a way of gumming things up for his more serious-minded spouse. He can't help inserting himself, despite her firm instructions that he *not*.

To get a sense of the show's tonal sensibility, it's worth looking to creator Debora Cahn's previous credits, namely "Homeland" and "The West Wing." She takes the best from both and jettisons all the stuff that doesn't work, namely "Homeland's" panicky Islamophobia and "The West Wing's" smug self-satisfaction.

Ali Ahn, left, plays a CIA station chief, and Ato Essandoh is Kate Wyler's No. 2.

Instead, Cahn homes in on the energy of those shows: The political strategizing, the walking-and-talking and low-key wit of it all. The writing has a real snap to it — it's fun — and if you've been experiencing "West Wing" withdrawals and are pining for some sharp-elbowed banter among high achievers, Cahn lands on a less showy but far more enjoyable stylistic approach than Aaron Sorkin ever did.

She's also designed a show geared to a mass audience without dumbing it down. The series is extraordinarily smart, it understands the value of comedy within a dramatic context and it moves at a hell of a clip. This is a show about brains rather than brute force, and the playful intelligence of "The Good Wife" feels like another influence here as well.

Netflix has made this kind of programming one of its specialties ("The Night Agent" among others) but "The Diplomat" is the best in its class. It has a lot of prestige markers — from Russell as the show's lead to its halls-of-power setting — but "The Diplomat" also has general entertainment written all over it.

If Netflix thinks it can't get big audiences with niche programming and needs to go broader, this is the

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BROADWAY REVIEW

'Peter Pan' takes flight — and crashes hilariously

By Chris Jones
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Even without Neil Patrick Harris — a guest-star turn massively juicing up ticket sales for a few weeks — "Peter Pan Goes Wrong" will be a great night out for a family audience. The politically incorrect show is a total blast and one of the very few Broadway attractions where kids are encouraged to clap, boo and talk back to the annoying actors. One lucky pint-size theatergoer from the Bronx sitting near me last Sunday afternoon even got the chance to do a magic trick with Harris: He was so demonstrably thrilled, the smiles on his parents' faces illuminated half his row.

But this isn't a kid's show, per se. It's a good date-night choice, too, given its capacity to talk to both sides of the great political divide, to make you forget the troubles of the week and to actually enjoy the rapidly vanishing art of physical comedy: prat falls, head slaps, collapsing props, the whole kit and caboodle of comedic pleasures.

"Peter Pan Goes Wrong" is far better than the last Broadway show, "The Play That Goes Wrong," from the British troupe that calls itself the Mischief Theatre. This writing team and performing crew, made up of Henry Lewis, Jonathan Sayer and Henry Shields, has hit upon a great gimmick: set up a show-within-a-show situation where a theatrical endeavor by a fictional college amateur dramatic society is doing a show in all seriousness, only for everything to go wrong. That means doors stick, actors get stuck in scenery, sound cues go awry, embarrassing stuff is heard over headsets and, in totem, audiences get to watch the gentle art of perseverance through trying circumstances, a staple of farce since Roman times.

Henry Shields, Ellie Morris, Henry Lewis, Charlie Russell, Jonathan Sayer, Neil Patrick Harris and Matthew Cavendish in "Peter Pan Goes Wrong," now onstage at New York's Barrymore Theatre. **JEREMY DANIEL**

But whereas "The Play That Goes Wrong" was based on just a generic kind of play, "Peter Pan Goes Wrong" has real source material, helpfully in the public domain, that the audience already knows. That gives the show more structure than was the case last time around: The troupe gets to spoof all those bad prior productions of "Peter Pan," as previously experienced, if only in grade school, by almost everyone in the building. And it becomes possible to lampoon stuff associated with British panto, much of which had vaudeville roots.

But there's something else at play: "Peter Pan Goes Wrong" also is big enough to actually feel like a Broadway show with the attendant ticket prices, which was not true last time. You get a star making a cameo (Harris is presumably soon to be followed by suitable storytelling replacements), a revolving stage (that goes wrong), musical numbers (Cathy Rigby need not worry), even black-light puppets (the hooded puppeteers crash into

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CELEBRITIES

Lee tapped as state dinner guest chef

By Darlene Superville
Associated Press

Chef Edward Lee says food, at its best, tells a story. And the story he wants told with the meal he's whipping up for this week's White House state dinner is of the deep connection between the United States and its ally South Korea.

President Joe Biden is hosting South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol on Wednesday for a state visit, including a glitzy state dinner, and the White House invited Lee, a Korean American chef and restaurateur, to help prepare the meal.

The White House also has a high-wattage lineup for the after-dinner entertainment: Broadway stars Norm Lewis, Lea Salonga and Jessica Vosk.

In an interview, Lee said, "Korean food and American food can merge together and create this beautiful hybrid that is unique and delicious."

He said any iconic American food, if spiked with a "little Korean flavor or Korean spice," will still be familiar, but it will just be different and unique — real food for thought, he said.

"Your mind becomes curious about more than just the flavors," Lee said. "When food is at its best, it tells a story."

White House social secretary Carlos Elizondo reached out to the New York City-born chef about two months ago to seek his help with the dinner. Lee's cooking style is one that meshes two cuisines: Korean food and food from the Southern United States.

Lee recently spent two days at the White House testing recipes and plating meals, offering tastes to first lady Jill Biden and her staff, who are responsible for the dinner and who helped develop the menu.

Edward Lee, a Korean American chef and restaurateur, was invited by the White House to help prepare the meal at Wednesday's state dinner. **AMY HARRIS/INVISION 2019**

He worked with White House executive chef Cristeta Comerford and her staff. The experience was nerve-wracking.

"I've been on 'Top Chef,' where I've had to cook for some very high-powered chefs who were critiquing my food, and this was probably more pressure than the TV show," Lee said of having the first lady be the judge of his kitchen creations.

Biden chose Lee because of his Korean-influenced American cuisine, her office said.

Lee, 50, has one restaurant, 610 Magnolia, in Louisville, Kentucky, and is weeks away from opening another. He lives part time in Washington, D.C., where he is culinary director for a third restaurant, Succotash. He won a James Beard Award for his book "Buttermilk Graffiti."

After dinner, Lewis, Salonga and Vosk will entertain guests with a mix of solo, duet and trio performances.

Lewis' career spans film, television and theater. He made history in 2014 as Broadway's first Black phantom in "The Phantom of the Opera."

Salonga is known for her award-winning role of Kim in "Miss Saigon." In Disney films, she was the singing voice of Princess Jasmine in "Aladdin" and Fa Mulan in "Mulan" and "Mulan II."

Vosk is a singer and actor who has appeared in "Wicked" on Broadway.

April 24 birthdays: Actor Shirley MacLaine is 89. Singer Barbra Streisand is 81. Singer Richard Sterban is 80. Actor Michael O'Keefe is 68. Comedian Cedric the Entertainer is 59. Singer Alejandro Fernandez is 52. Actor Reagan Gomez-Preston is 43. Singer Kelly Clarkson is 41. Singer Carly Pearce is 33. Actor Joe Keery is 31. Actor Jordan Fisher is 29.

ASK AMY

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Trespassing roommates caught on camera

Dear Amy: I am a college student living with college-aged roommates in a four-bedroom, one-bathroom house. We each have our own room, and we share common living spaces.

A few months ago, I started noticing my locked bedroom door mysteriously unlocked and wide open, exposing my belongings to the rest of the house. I put up a security camera in my room.

Sure enough, one day I got a notification of a person breaking into my room. I saved the video and pondered ideas about what I should do. I decided to do nothing and see if it would happen again.

Again, I received a notification that a person was in my room. This time, all of my roommates were in my bedroom, scoping it out. One of the roommates spotted the camera and immediately exited the room. On the tape, I heard him state to the others that they should say that the reason for forced entry was to shut the open window.

I am conflicted on what I should do. Should I file a police report? Confront them? Or should I, again, do nothing?

— Locked In

Dear Locked In: This is creepy. You have video of your roommates snooping through your room. They are also aware that you have a camera, which should work as a deterrent against future raids.

In the short term, I don't think it's a good idea to confront these people because you don't seem to have any allies in the house.

Before going to the police, contact your landlord, report what has happened and ask for a deadbolt lock to be installed on your door. Review your lease, and start looking for other housing.

I do think you should go to the police, but it might be wisest to wait until you have moved out. This is trespassing, and these people should be called to account.

Dear Amy: I have a new grandson who was born prematurely; he is currently in the NICU. This has been an extremely stressful and emotional time for our family. This is our first grandchild.

Recently, a good friend returned from her winter in Florida and called. She asked how we were doing, and I gave her a brief description of what was going on. Her responses were rushed and uncomfortable, and she couldn't wait to get off the phone.

I'm kind of puzzled, as she is usually a kind friend. Any thoughts or advice?

— Puzzled

Dear Puzzled: Your friend might have seemed rushed and uncomfortable because she was upset by your news and wanted to make sure that she didn't keep you away from your family. Yes, this response was unexpected, but this is a great example of the truism that we often simply don't know what other people are going through.

When you're baffled by someone else's behavior, anchoring to this perspective can prompt you not to take things personally — until you are given just cause. It is possible that your friend had a previous similar experience that your story triggered. Or she was taken by surprise, messed up and disappointed you.

Dear Amy: I'm responding to the question from "Cleaning in Culver City," who was downsizing. This person had decided to send correspondence that lifelong friends had sent over the years back to the original writer. "Cleaning" was surprised that no friends had thanked him for this gesture. You thought this was a "very thoughtful" thing to do.

As the recipient of a similar packet of letters and photographs that I'd originally sent to my aunt, I can offer my own reaction. I felt sadness. It seemed like my aunt was divorcing the family (similar packets were sent to other family members). Time has granted me a kinder reaction as I realized that her intent was to share. She wasn't rejecting us; she was just downsizing.

I think I would've liked to review a sentimental note, but I wish she'd just disposed of the rest of the letters and photos if she didn't want to keep them.

— Dejected, not Rejected

Dear Dejected: Dozens of readers have responded — all saying that they would not appreciate receiving letters and photos they had sent to someone else. Your description of how it felt to receive yours makes perfect sense.

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Tigelaar builds on memoir element of essays

Show 'Tiny Beautiful Things' pulls from Strayed's advice, life

By Yvonne Villarreal
Los Angeles Times

"Dear Sugar, how do I respectfully take ownership of a source of material that was created by another writer and has a community of admirers who feel a really strong sense of connection to the work?"

It was the question Liz Tigelaar, a writer and producer whose credits include "Little Fires Everywhere" and "Casual," wishes she could have posed as she set out to adapt a book of essays based on Cheryl Strayed's online advice column.

Strayed began writing the column under the pseudonym "Dear Sugar" more than a decade ago when she was a struggling writer. She developed a loyal following by dispensing insightful and compassionate guidance on life's hard, messy and heartbreaking conundrums by mining her own experiences. They were the basis for the 2012 collection of essays "Tiny Beautiful Things: Advice on Love and Life From Dear Sugar." (She later revived the column as a podcast and, more recently, as a newsletter.)

In the Hulu series "Tiny Beautiful Things," Tigelaar avoided the temptation of having the letter writers be a character in each episode in orbit of its protagonist, Clare Pierce, played by Kathryn Hahn in the present and Sarah Pidgeon in the past, choosing instead to build out the memoir element of the essays.

"I'm almost less curious about how she finds the advice in the present day, externally," says Tigelaar. "How does she find the advice inside of her from what she's already gone through? And how do we bring those stories to the front? It ended up being

Kathryn Hahn stars as Clare Pierce in the present in "Tiny Beautiful Things," based on Cheryl Strayed's book of essays. **HULU**

Liz Tigelaar, seen March 29, adapted the essays for the series. **JON KOPALOFF/GETTY**

constructed where maybe the letter writer didn't need to appear."

This interview with Tigelaar has been edited for clarity and length.

Q: Can we just start by talking about the wonder that is Kathryn Hahn?
A: I was watching somebody inhabit a character at the highest level; every ad lib, every way, she did it a little differently. This was a part that was ambitious with a lot to navigate, and to see somebody giving such a gutsy performance and being so unafraid was such a joy. I mean, when she lays on the ground in a scene, and she's just like, "I am not OK" in a way only she can — I mean, I think every woman gets that.

Q: You're telling a version of Cheryl Strayed's story, but you've named the protagonist Clare Pierce. What prompted that decision?
A: We talked a lot about that. In "Wild," Reese Witherspoon played Cheryl Strayed. (Witherspoon, who worked with Tigelaar on "Little Fires Everywhere," is an executive producer on the series.) And we really wanted the freedom. Cheryl is Clare's age living a version of Clare's life. So am I. We didn't want to imply that this was autobiographical. We're depicting Cheryl's marriage now, Cheryl's children now. I named her Clare, and we started to think of the version of her. It was like: This is Cheryl had she not hiked the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT), this is Cheryl had she not become that writer that she and her mother believed that she could be. And it was funny because after I named her Clare, Cheryl said, "I was Claire in 'Torch.'" "Torch" was a fictionalized version of Cheryl without the PCT. I read it right after "Wild." I had not remembered that she was Claire. But I love that she was Claire there and Clare here.

Q: Nia Vardalos adapted the book for the stage and she said that the material was life-changing for her. Did it feed something in you at the right time?
A: I've basically spent a year not only doing something that was, to me — especially for a half-hour series — a very narratively ambitious story and a very structurally ambitious story. And not knowing, like, are people going to get it? Are people going to like it? Or is it too ambitious with all of these things? But to do this huge creative endeavor for this person who I love, whose stories have saved me, and to do it beside that person encouraging you the whole time? Who could be in better hands?

Q: Tell me more about that. In addition to having the book as a resource, what was the collaboration like with Cheryl?
A: In the very beginning, she said, "Could I come into the writers room? Can I be a part of it?" And I was like, "Absolutely!" And at first I told the writers, "Cheryl Strayed is going to be in the writers room." And I think some people were a little bit trepidatious, like, "The author is going to be there, are we going to be able to really dissect it?" And it was not like that. She has these rich stories and then she has these rich stories within those stories. We optioned an essay of hers called "The Love of My Life," which was the foundation of Episode 5, this flashback story of how she and her mom went to college together, and her mom died on spring break their senior year. So we mined so much of her writing and experience as a writer.

Q: How did you decide which questions to include in the show to drive the narrative?
A: That was hard because there were so many good ones. I knew "Tiny Beautiful Things" had to be the first one. I knew "Like an Iron Bell" was the finale because I was pretty sure I wanted to tell the beginning, the middle and the end of her mother's life. And then I knew I wanted to jump around and not be quite so linear. I tried to hold to the idea that it was OK to not know exactly where you were in the timeline, and that what you just needed to experience was the story of that episode and how it related to the letter in the present. But I think there were just iconic letters — "The Ghost Ship That Didn't Carry Us" was a for-sure, the woman who writes in about her daughter in the pediatric NICU, and this question of faith felt so important. We tried to really hit those iconic ones.

Q: What did Cheryl think of the ending? We get this dreamlike sequence of Clare and her mother.
A: I think she loved it because she was right there with us crafting it. I think it was hard to be on set and watch the most painful moments of her life acted out. It's part of a journey of healing and catharsis. To see how far she's come from that 22-year-old and how much she has had to find her way — and how she wasn't Clare; she became something different.

NOW PLAYING

Reviews of movies showing in theaters or streaming online

Kelvin Harrison Jr. stars as composer Joseph Bologne in "Chevalier." **SEARCHLIGHT PICTURES**

'AIR': "Air" is a good time, as well as a triumph of sports marketing in every conceivable way. It's a docudrama about how Nike marketing executive Sonny Vaccaro, played by Matt Damon, persuaded his boss Phil Knight, played by co-star and director Ben Affleck, to cough up the funds to make the pitch to get the basketball star for the ages to sell their shoes. It's a movie about winners, winning and millions. We do not see Michael Jordan in "Air," aside from a few shots of an essentially nonverbal actor's back, or the back of his head. Viola Davis and her real-life husband, Julius Tennon, take the roles of Deloris and James R. Jordan Sr. "Air" has a true knack for shamelessly effective audience manipulation en route to a happy ending. 1:52. 3 stars. *— Michael Phillips, Chicago Tribune*

'CHEVALIER': It's a striking image — a young Black man, dressed in 18th-century French fashion, in a waistcoat and silk breeches, his hair braided in cornrows, holding a violin, the bow slung over his shoulder, the title "Chevalier" emblazoned below his feet. This movie poster almost looks like a Kehinde Wiley portrait, a radical reassertion of tradition, a disruption of the narrative we have been sold. This is a story that has been crushed under the brutal wheel of history, war and racism, and the film "Chevalier," about the composer and violinist Joseph Bologne, Chevalier de Saint-Georges, promises to unfurl this lost story in modern, exciting fashion. 1:47. 2 ½ stars. *— Katie Walsh, Tribune News Service*

'GUY RITCHIE'S THE COVENANT': Swinging back to a more serious register, Guy Ritchie presents his first film grounded in harsh real-world politics, "Guy Ritchie's The Covenant," and it's the best film he has made in years. While not based on a true story, the film is inspired by the many true, tragic stories of Afghan interpreters who worked with the United States military for over 20 years, who were promised visas and then left to fend for themselves in a hostile country after the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan in 2021. Ritchie and co-writers Ivan Atkinson and Marn Davies have crafted a story about the U.S. military that fits into his auteurist point of view, about the deals made between men and the sacred responsibility to hold up one's end of the bargain. 2:03. 3 stars. *— Katie Walsh*

'JOHN WICK: CHAPTER 4': For four bloody installments, Keanu Reeves has played the sorrowful, taciturn assassin John Wick, directed by his former stunt double Chad Stahelski. Together, these two have offered up a completely unique blockbuster action franchise, one that dares to be somber, centering the doleful Reeves as the grieving Wick. All you need to know is that Wick is fighting for his freedom, that the governing body of assassins, the High Table, doesn't want to grant it, and he's going to duel to the death for it. The new leader of the High Table, the preening, poncy Marquis (Bill Skarsgard), hasn't just put out a huge bounty on Wick's head, he's also compelled the Zatoichi-like blind swordsman Caine (Donnie Yen) to kill Wick in exchange for protecting his daughter. And so it unfolds. "John Wick: Chapter 4" is structured roughly in three parts set in different locations across the globe. Wick is a man of few words, but a lot of action, and when all is said and done, it's simply a treat to watch him move about these spaces, from the galleries of Japanese art, to a pounding Berlin club, to the traffic circle at the Arc de Triomphe and the 222 steps to Sacre-Coeur. We like to watch him work — a skill he employs almost regretfully — and "John Wick: Chapter 4" is a stunningly beautiful, if a bit narratively sludgy, climax for America's favorite assassin. 2:49. 3 stars. *— Katie Walsh*

'MAFIA MAMMA': "Eat, Pray, Love" is so over — ladies, we've officially entered the "Threaten, Extort, Kill" era. This unusual new ethos of empowerment is the guiding theory behind Catherine Hardwicke's crime comedy/feminist manifesto "Mafia Mamma," starring Toni Collette as Kristin, a harried American mom and marketing executive who discovers her own power after she ascends to the top of an Italian crime family. Elizabeth Gilbert's 2006 memoir "Eat, Pray, Love" and its subsequent film adaptation starring Julia Roberts looms large in "Mafia Mamma," as Kristin and her best friend Jenny (Sophia Nomvete) fantasize about escaping to a land of gelato, pasta and Italian hunks after Kristin walks in on her dirtbag man-child husband Paul (Tim Daish) mid-coitus with the school guidance counselor. The pair of pals put a crude twist on the book title, but the imagined sensual pleasures remain the same, inspiring Kristin to make a last-minute trip to Italy for the funeral of her estranged grandfather, Giuseppe Balbano (Alessandro Bressanello). After the funeral turns into a shootout in the cobblestone streets of a medieval Italian village, Kristin is shocked to discover that her grandfather, a vintner of terrible wines, was in actuality the don of the Balbano crime family, and he has selected her as his replacement. A 40-something mom in sensible sneaks as a Mafia donna? It's a premise ripe for fish-out-of-water comedy, out of which Collette and Hardwicke wring every last drop. 1:41. 3 stars. *— Katie Walsh*

'RENFIELD': "Renfield" has fine, crafty actors in its corner. The reliable Nicolas Cage is in there, sprinkling delightful expressions of enthusiasm under his Dracula breath. Awkwafina plays an honest New Orleans cop amid a sea of corrupt, mobbed-up toadies, with her sharp instincts for both punchlines and heart-tugs. Throw in Nicholas Hoult as the title's put-upon "familiar," Renfield, and there you have it: the least lousy of the three recent Universal Pictures forays into wise-cracking ultraviolence. The idea here is that "Dracula" author Bram Stoker's tasty side character, Renfield, who procures humans for their blood and for his master's next meal, has had enough. Screenwriter Ryan Ridley introduces Renfield at a relationship support group where others discuss abusive husbands and manipulative partners. Renfield can relate, but he's not ready to reveal just how difficult his last century has been, under the sway of his master. "Renfield" fans and I can surely agree on one thing: the entertainment value of a pointy-toothed Cage, 35 years after "Vampire's Kiss," reporting once again for bloodsucking duty. He makes wonderful sense as Dracula; he's fashion plate, dandy and cock-eyed optimist all in one, out to conquer the world on his own terms. 1:33. 2 stars. *— Michael Phillips*

'THE SUPER MARIO BROS. MOVIE': "The Super Mario Bros. Movie" garnered controversy upon announcement of its voice cast, with Chris Pratt due to voice the rotund, mustachioed plumber and the internet preemptively cringing at his potential delivery of Mario's catch-phrase, "It's-a me, Mario!" Thankfully, the movie gets that out of the way almost immediately, thanks to a VHS-style TV ad for Mario and Luigi's plumbing business where they affect exaggerated Italian accents. It's a gambit that allows Pratt and Charlie Day, voicing Luigi, to quickly drop the act. But their vocal performances are so unremarkable that it could have been anyone at all. The one vocal performance worth the price of admission is Jack Black as Bowser, the king of the Koopas, an intimidating turtle decked out in spikes, who has a penchant for heavy metal and a yearning for Princess Peach (Anya Taylor-Joy). "The Super Mario Bros. Movie" is mildly amusing, swift, noisy and unrelentingly paced, which is par for the course considering this is the studio that brought us the Minions. After Mario and Luigi are sucked into a mysterious pipe and transported to the parallel universe of the Mushroom Kingdom, Mario sets out to find and rescue his brother from Bowser with the help of Toad (Keegan-Michael Key) and Princess Peach, who is also attempting to evade Bowser's invasion. 1:32. 2 stars. *— Katie Walsh*

RATINGS: The movies listed are rated according to the following key: 4 stars, excellent; 3 stars, good; 2 stars, fair; 1 star, poor.

'Diplomat'

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Keri Russell and Rufus Sewell as Kate Wyler and husband Hal in "The Diplomat." **ALEX BAILEY/NETFLIX**

way to do it. And the entire cast is sharp as a tack.

Kate Wyler (Russell) is frequently disheveled — there's a lot of offhand commentary about this — and rarely is her affect relaxed. When she does smile, it's a wry, ironic "I warned you about my husband" kind of look. That would be Hal Wyler (Sewell), chaos agent extraordinaire. When they touch down in London, they're both greeted with the honorific "Ambassador Wyler," to which he faux modestly waves off: "Call me Hal, one ambassador is plenty." Kate can only roll her eyes. There's an undercurrent of tension between them, but also chemistry and humor. Their marriage is complicated and might be hanging on by a thread, but their sex scenes are legitimately sexy.

She's straightforward and walks around with her hands stuffed in her suit pockets. She doesn't waste time on small talk or dancing around the issues; she's there to do the work! Hal is straightforward, too, but he's an opportunist who likes the thrill of plotting and deciphering whatever the hell is going on at any given moment. He's impossible. But also essential. Sewell's is the flashier role, but it doesn't overshadow what Russell is doing because she's never boring or a wet blanket. It's a terrific balancing act, and both performances are pitched just right.

Turns out Kate wasn't sent to London because they thought she was right for the job. A small clique that includes the president (Michael McKean), the chief of staff (Nana Mensah) and Kate's own husband are planning a much bigger role for her down the line. The ambassadorship is just a testing ground — a vetting so the right people can kick the tires and sand off Kate's rougher edges.

She's the last to find out about this, but she has her hands full juggling an insecure British prime minister (Rory Kinnear), who is eager to bomb someone in retaliation in the hopes of injecting some machismo into his reputation. The British foreign secretary (David Gyasi) is quietly appalled by all of this, so he enlists Kate's help to pull the PM off the ledge — or at least placate his ego — before the man kicks off the next war.

Back at the embassy, Kate's No. 2 (Ato Essandoh) is doing his level best to keep her on track. Sometimes that means talking about her clothes, much to her annoyance. His sober-headed approach works in terrific contrast to the blunt-minded CIA station chief (Ali Ahn), who has a lot in common with Kate, personality-wise. Ahn adds all kinds of wry intensity that gives the role real punch.

"The Diplomat" is a show with a smile playing on its lips and it ends on a massive cliffhanger, which suggests all involved are confident Netflix will order another season.

I hope it does. The show is complicated in interesting ways, especially about the interpersonal bull inherent in jobs where everyone is striding around with a sense of importance. Sewell is British but his American accent is on-point, and it's the role of a lifetime.

Next, he's slated to star in an upcoming Netflix drama playing Prince Andrew. He's far too good-looking to believably pull that off, so enjoy his work here while you can.

Where to watch: Netflix

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'Peter Pan'

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each other with painful results). Admirably, the show has retained a palpable handmade artifice, but it's also a genuine physical spectacle, as designed by Simon Scullion.

Kids love to be told they are not safe, not least because so much of the sentimental, moralistic pap thrown their way insists otherwise. When someone is not talking down to them but screaming at them in rage, they almost faint from their sheer delight of getting to have a fresh conversation.

This embrace of the danger of life is the secret sauce of "Harry Potter" in all of its brand extensions, and the Mischief crew clearly have learned that the more their faces go red in annoyance at the shouts of their younger fans, the more they are enjoyed. And, of course, this happily also applies to adults.

The center hook (I'm here all week) of the show is Shields, playing the director and leading actor. (The show uses much the same cast as "The Play That Goes Wrong.")

Anyone familiar with the classic sitcom "Fawlty Towers" can't miss the homage to John Cleese's Basil Fawlty, but whatever Shields might lack in originality, he makes up for in the force of his fake pomposity.

In essence, he treats his audience much like the obsequious Fawlty treated the guests in his hotel: important people not to be told the truth in any circumstances, whatever disasters are happening behind the scenes.

It's a classic farcical setup, and it works deliciously here.

Add in Lewis as a classic sidekick playing the nursery dog, among others; Nancy Zamit as a less-than-graceful Tinker Bell; Chris Leask as the backstage malcontent; and Jonathan Sayer as a hapless cast member who needs to have his lines fed to him through radio-frequency headphones and, well, you have all the comic types.

But these shows also need skilled normative character to root the audience, and, aptly enough, that Connie Booth-like role is played by Bianca Horn, who essays both Wendy and, of course, the actress playing Wendy.

Farce is rarely taken seriously on Broadway, but this one deserves to be.

It's very much in "One Man, Two Guvnors" territory, a madcap couple of hours that bespeaks of old-school pleasures and fun for all.

At the Barrymore Theatre, 243 W. 47th St., New York; pangoeswrongbway.com

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What to watch

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All times Central. Start times can vary based on cable/satellite provider. Confirm times on your on-screen guide.

Dalgliesh

Acorn TV ■ Season Premiere

The British detective drama led by Bertie Carvel as Adam Dalgliesh is back for Season 2, consisting of six episodes based on three more of P.D. James' murder-mystery novels. Each tale will be available in two episodes dropping Mondays beginning today with Parts 1 and 2 of "Death of an Expert Witness."

NBA Playoffs: Round 1

TNT, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Live

A pair of NBA postseason games air on TNT tonight as the first round continues.

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FOX, 7 p.m.

The 118 race to the rescue when a fire breaks out in an accountant's office and a car crashes into a "living funeral" in the new episode "Death and Taxes."

The Voice

NBC, 7 p.m.

Country superstar Reba McEntire is enlisted as a Mega Mentor to help prepare the artists for the Knockouts. The coaches pair two artists to perform individually against each other and then select a winner to move on to the Playoffs. The pressure is on, as each coach will only have one steal in the Knockouts.

Antiques Roadshow

PBS, 7 p.m.

In this first hour at the Shelburne Museum in Shelburne, Vermont, get wowed by shocking finds including a 1999 Pokemon card collection, Winold Reiss Morning Star mixed-media art (circa 1934) and a Raymond Yard platinum and diamond ring (circa 1940). One is appraised up to $100,000.

Fantasy Island

FOX, 8 p.m.

The island surprises a jilted bride (guest star Jessy Schram) with her childhood imaginary friend, Peaches (guest star Kyla Pratt), in real human form to help her move on from her heartache in the new episode "Peaches & the Jilted Bride."

Perry Mason

HBO, 8 p.m. ■ Season Finale

Season 2 of the crime drama starring Matthew Rhys as Los Angeles civil attorney Perry Mason concludes with "Chapter Sixteen."

The Good Doctor

ABC, 9 p.m.

In "A Beautiful Day," Dr. Glassman (Richard Schiff) and Dr. Murphy's (Freddie Highmore) relationship may be damaged following a tense moment during surgery.

GARY MOYES, HBO

Rain Dogs

HBO, 9 p.m. ■ Season Finale

The comedy series following the unconventional love story between a working-class single mom, her 10-year-old daughter and a privileged gay man finishes Season 1. Daisy May Cooper, Jack Farthing and Ronke Adekoluejo star.

That's My Jam

NBC, 9 p.m.

Celebrity guests Kenan Thompson, Big Boi, Kesha and Renee Elise Goldsberry join host Jimmy Fallon for musical performances and games, including Don't Fear the Speaker, Undercover Covers, Vinyl Countdown, and Slay It Don't Spray It.

MOVIES YOU'LL LOVE

MGM

Spider-Man 3 (2007, Action) Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst **FX, 4 p.m.**

Fighting With My Family (2019, Comedy-drama) Florence Pugh, Lena Headey **E!, 5 p.m.**

Left for Dead: The Ashley Reeves Story (2021, Docudrama) Jennie Garth, Anwen O'Driscoll **LMN, 5 p.m.**

Raise a Glass to Love (2021, Romance-comedy) Laura Osnes, Juan Pablo Di Pace **Hallmark, 5 p.m.**

Love's Complicated (2016, Romance-comedy) Holly Marie Combs, Ben Bass **Hallmark Movies & Mysteries, 6 p.m.**

A Picture of Her (2023, Romance) Rhiannon Fish, Tyler Hynes **Hallmark, 7 p.m.**

Ace Ventura: Pet Detective (1994, Comedy) Jim Carrey, Courteney Cox **AMC, 7 p.m.**

Final Destination (2000, Horror) Devon Sawa, Ali Larter **POP, 7 p.m.**

Gone in 60 Seconds (2000, Action) Nicolas Cage, Angelina Jolie **Paramount, 7 p.m.**

The Gabby Petito Story (2022, Docudrama) Skyler Samuels, Evan Arthur Hall **LMN, 7 p.m.**

Always Amore (2022, Romance) Autumn Reeser, Tyler Hynes **Hallmark Movies & Mysteries, 8 p.m.**

Final Destination 2 (2003, Horror) Ali Larter, A.J. Cook **POP, 9 p.m.**

CATCH A CLASSIC

Warner Bros. 100th Anniversary: Great Directors at Warner Bros.

TCM, Beginning at 7 p.m.

Turner Classic Movies' monthlong celebration of Warner Bros.' centennial continues with the last Monday evening of titles from legendary directors who helmed films for Warner. Spotlighted tonight are two modern masters who rose to fame during the New Hollywood era of the late 1960s/early '70s. Up first is Steven Spielberg, starting with 1985's **The Color Purple (pictured),** which received 11 Oscar nominations overall, including Best Picture, Best Actress (Whoopi Goldberg) and two Best Supporting Actress nods (Margaret Avery and Oprah Winfrey) but somehow no directing nomination for Spielberg. Following that is **Empire of the Sun** (1987), a coming-of-age drama set amid World War II's Pacific theater and starring young Christian Bale in his second feature film. Spielberg's films are preceded by Chuck Jones' hilarious and iconic 1955 Merrie Melodies animated short **One Froggy Evening,** which marked the debut of Michigan J. Frog. Tonight's second featured director is Robert Altman, with airings of his revisionist Western **McCabe & Mrs. Miller** (1971), starring Best Actress Oscar nominee Julie Christie and Warren Beatty, and **Countdown** (1967), Altman's second feature film, which stars James Caan and Robert Duvall as astronauts.

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Cedric the Entertainer enjoys life in sitcom 'Neighborhood'

By Gary Gerard Hamilton
Associated Press

Cedric the Entertainer, seen April 5 in New York, directed the 100th episode of "The Neighborhood." MATT LICARI/INVISION

"The Neighborhood" might be a hit sitcom now, but it needed some careful planning before laying down a solid foundation.

"We shot the pilot twice. We had to recast. And so, there were moments where you didn't think the show was going to go," said Cedric the Entertainer. "But the elements of it, the idea that it was about gentrification, the idea that it was about a Black family kind of staying true to their neighborhood when they saw white families moving in ... I think it just caught legs and really resonated with people because we do it in, of course, a sitcom, lighthearted way."

"The Neighborhood" — now in its fifth season airing Mondays on CBS — follows the Butlers, a Black family led by Calvin (Cedric) and Tina (Tichina Arnold) as they coexist with their white neighbors, Dave (Max Greenfield) and Gemma Johnson (Beth Behrs), who moved from the Midwest to a predominately Black neighborhood in Pasadena, California. The show recently celebrated its 100th episode, which aired April 10.

While not every episode deals with heavy topics, the show has unpacked topics such as Black Lives Matter and social justice, pregnancy loss and white privilege. But as more issues emerge like attempts to ban books and critical race theory, Cedric believes his show is more than capable of exploring them.

"One of the great testaments to the show is that we try not to preach it, but we also aren't afraid to kind of just dive in," said Cedric. "We try to ... deal with all those kind of subject matters on our show without just saying, 'Hey, this is the line, and this is what we believe in.' We just raise a question."

The milestone episode was directed by Cedric, who also serves as an executive producer. He said sitting in the big chair has been the next progression of his show responsibilities.

"It was only natural for me to kind of really morph into directing because I can see the show; when I'm reading the scripts, I kind of know where people are going to be. And so, that was something that I've been wanting to grow into," said the funnyman, who also directed an episode last season.

The St. Louis-area native began his career in stand-up comedy, although later than most. After graduating from Southeast Missouri State University, he worked for State Farm before diving into professional comedy in his mid-20s. After making a name for himself locally, he eventually secured hosting stints for HBO's legendary "Def Comedy Jam" as well BET's popular "ComicView."

While his sitcom star is brighter than ever, it's a culmination of years of experience; he starred in "The Soul Man," which ran from 2012 to 2016, but for many, his role as the loveable sidekick Cedric Jackie Robinson on the '90s sitcom "The Steve Harvey Show" won the hearts of viewers.

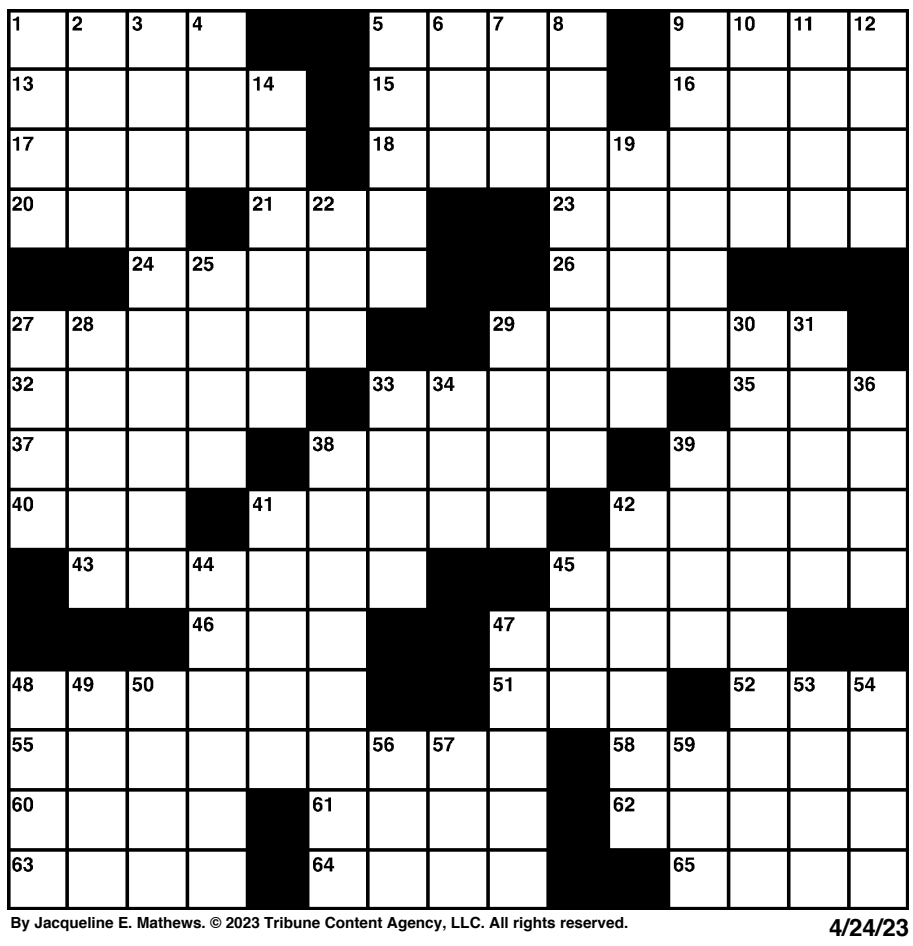
"I really believe that that's kind of led to my longevity: that idea of watching Steve, being right there close (to him)," Cedric said of his good friend and "Kings of Comedy" brother. "The way he hired, the way he got Black people on the show, how he was able to negotiate his deals — all these things were things that I was exposed to just by being the No. 2 guy in the right situation."

Right now, Cedric is on the 23-city "Straight Jokes No Chaser" tour with D.L. Hughley, Earthquake and DC Young Fly, hosted by Mike Epps.

But don't expect "The Neighborhood" star to get any homeowners association violations.

"I want to come out and make people laugh and have a good time ... I'm not that comic that's there to challenge you or super offend you," Cedric said. "I got the CBS, Paramount shield with me, and we're doing great. And I employ a lot of people with this show. ... I wouldn't want to be the detriment of somebody else's livelihood. So, I'm very careful of it."

Crossword



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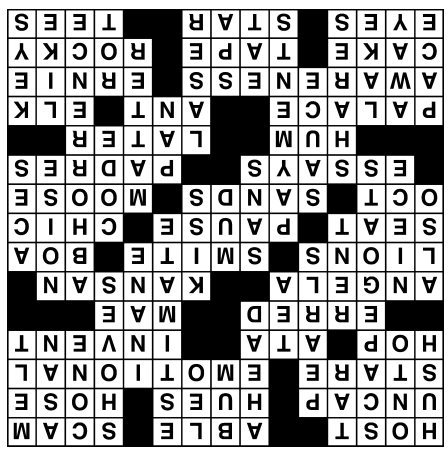
ACROSS
1 Throw a party
5 Suffix for pay or read
9 Con artist's racket
13 Remove the lid from
15 Paint choices
16 Stockings
17 Fixed gaze
18 Easily moved to tears
20 Hip __; rap style
21 __ loss for words
23 Dream up & create
24 Goofed
26 Daisy __; Li'l Abner's pursuer
27 Ms. Lansbury
29 Wichita resident
32 NFL team
33 Hit hard
35 Dangerous critter
37 Chair or bench
38 TV remote button
39 Fashionable
40 Month to put on snow tires: abbr.
41 Makes wood smooth
42 Big game
43 Prose writings
45 San Diego sluggers
46 Ho-__; boring
47 Not now
48 King's home
51 Crawling bug
52 Antlered animal
55 Realization; knowledge
58 Els, for one
60 Devil's food __
61 Word with Scotch or duct
62 Uneven; tumultuous
63 "Through the __ of Love"; 1979 song
64 Have the lead role
65 Golfer's pocketful

DOWN
1 Request for silence
2 Climb __; mount
3 Blame-takers
4 Roofing goo
5 Think __; plan
6 Ne'er-do-well
7 Name for 13 popes
8 Ballpark figure
9 Pushes roughly
10 Ice cream scoop holder
11 As wise __ owl
12 Dissolve
14 Necklace beads
19 Ridiculous
22 Comforting drink
25 Monthly expense
27 In addition
28 Family tree member
29 Smooch
30 Disgust; loathing
31 Sleep disturber
33 Without
34 Swampy soil
36 __ a test; gets an "A"
38 Creditor's demands
39 Word with area or zip
41 Pizza maker's need
42 Doesn't __; is irrelevant
44 Is generous
45 Skillet
47 High-powered beam
48 Walking speed
49 Not at home
50 Michigan or Geneva
53 Take a fancy to
54 Largo and West
56 Mom's mealtime directive
57 Jacuzzi
59 Decompose

Solutions



Horoscopes

Today's birthday (April 24): Grow in mind, body and spirit this year. Reliable social connections deepen shared support systems. Springtime planning and preparation wins big prizes. Navigating summer transitions in partnership energizes autumn fitness and health. Abandon limitations for new personal possibilities next winter. Private contemplation reveals valuable ideas.
Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Phone home. Connect with your base. Take advantage of great conditions. Discuss and then make domestic improvements for dreamy results.
Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Communication opens new doors. Discuss possibilities and potential. Take advantage of unexpected conditions. Consider logistical puzzles.
Gemini (May 21-June 20): 9. Actions taken today can get especially lucrative. Buy, sell and trade. Market your wares and services. Align words and work for profitable gain.
Cancer (June 21-July 22): 9. Nurture yourself. Luxuriate with simple pleasures. Relax with a good book. Try a new haircut or style. Dress for success and find it.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Hide away from noise and chaos. Avoid arguments or controversy and plan the steps to realize your bold vision. Determination and initiative earn rewarding results.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Together, you're a powerful force. Align efforts for a common cause. Reinforce basic structures. Coordinate different roles and responsibilities. Collaboration and teamwork lead to victory.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. Take your project to the next level. Professional opportunities arise in conversation. Maintain momentum and keep the balls in play.
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Expand your territory. Push boundaries and limitations. Disciplined efforts can go the distance. Stay on the practical road. Make your deadlines.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. Coordinate to get everything done. Prioritize financial management to maintain momentum. Don't lose what you've got to get more. Choose strategically. Focus on growing accounts.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Compromise to find a happy medium. Discuss, don't argue. Align on the actions to take, and you can get farther than expected. Work together.
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Exercise energizes you. Score extra points by connecting with nature. Get your heart pumping and you can accomplish more than you thought.
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Capture creative ideas onto paper, film and files. Disciplined efforts produce satisfying results. Refine messaging with family and friends.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn

Bliss By Harry Bliss

"He's at the perfect age for this."

Bridge

Here are the answers to the weekly quiz:

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A Q J 10 7 5 ♥ 7 3 ♦ Q 8 6 ♣ 9 5
Right-hand opponent opens 1D. What call would you make?
A.1—This hand qualifies for a 1S overcall, but why not bid 2S and put extra pressure on your opponents. Bid 2S.

Q.2—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ J 8 6 3 ♥ 4 2 ♦ A Q 7 6 2 ♣ Q 8

West	North	East	South
1♣	1♥	Pass	?

What call would you make?
A.2—You do not need a 5-card suit to respond to partner's overcall. Bid 1S.

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A Q 10 8 7 6 4 ♥ J 8 ♦ Void ♣ K Q 7 5

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
?			

What call would you make?
A.3—Even 3S seems a bit timid to us. We like 4S.

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ 10 8 ♥ A 9 8 6 4 ♦ A 8 3 ♣ A Q J
Right-hand opponent opens 1D. What call would you make?
A.4—We would open 1NT, but as an overcaller, we prefer to show our 5-card major. Bid 1H.

— Bob Jones
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Grand Avenue By Mike Thompson

CRASH!
OH, NO! SOUNDS LIKE SOMEONE'S TRYING TO KICK DOWN THE FRONT DOOR!
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BANG!
OH, WAIT, IT'S JUST THE KIDS DOING SOMETHING UPSTAIRS.
NOT SURE WHICH SHOULD FRIGHTEN ME MORE.
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Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott

I HEARD THAT A HOUSE ON CACTUS DRIVE GOT ROBBED.
NO WAY.
YEP. THEY GOT EVERYTHING.
THAT'S THE BEAUTY OF US NOT OWNING VALUABLE STUFF.
YEAH, WE'RE ALWAYS ONE STEP AHEAD OF THE BAD GUYS.

Zits By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman

I HAD LUNCH WITH MY BUDDY PETE TODAY.
HE WAS POINTING OUT THE NUMBER OF "HELP WANTED" SIGNS WE PASSED ON THE WAY TO THE CAFE.
AND SUMMER JOB HARASSMENT SEASON BEGINS.
AND I SAID, "GOLLY, PETE! YOU'RE RIGHT!"

Mr. Boffo By Joe Martin

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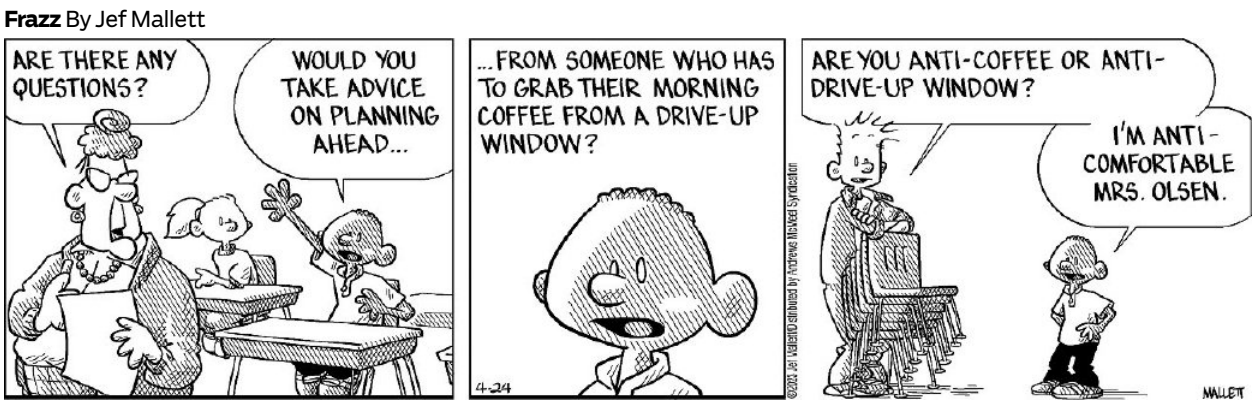
ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS?
WOULD YOU TAKE ADVICE ON PLANNING AHEAD...
...FROM SOMEONE WHO HAS TO GRAB THEIR MORNING COFFEE FROM A DRIVE-UP WINDOW?
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ARE YOU ANTI-COFFEE OR ANTI-DRIVE-UP WINDOW?
I'M ANTI-COMFORTABLE MRS. OLSEN.
MALLETT

Classic Peanuts By Charles Schulz

HEY, STUPID CAT WHO LIVES NEXT DOOR...
NOW THAT MY FOOT'S BACK IN SHAPE, HOW ABOUT GOING A FEW ROUNDS?
WHAT'S THE MATTER, AFRAID I'LL PUNCH YOUR LIGHTS OUT?
CAN'T HEAR ME WITH THE WINDOW CLOSED!
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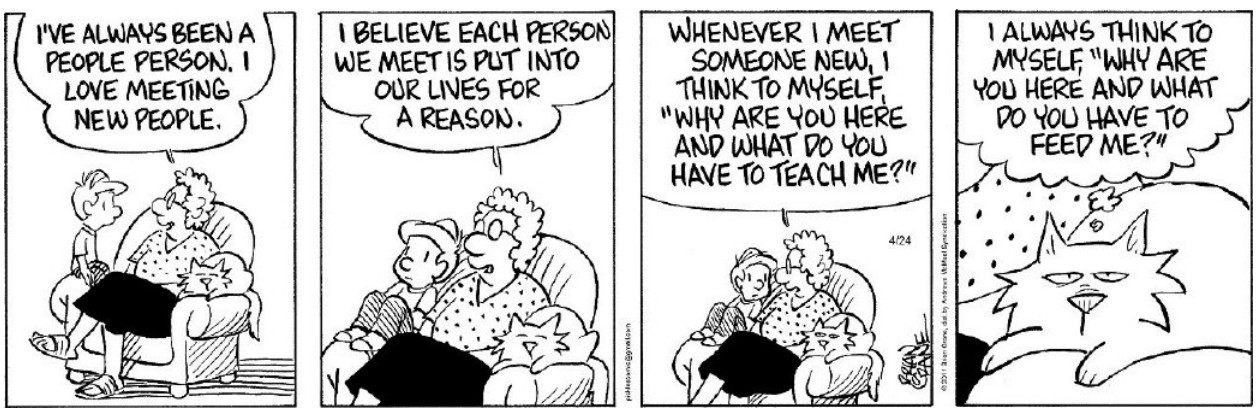
Pickles By Brian Crane


I'VE ALWAYS BEEN A PEOPLE PERSON. I LOVE MEETING NEW PEOPLE.
I BELIEVE EACH PERSON WE MEET IS PUT INTO OUR LIVES FOR A REASON.
WHENEVER I MEET SOMEONE NEW, I THINK TO MYSELF, "WHY ARE YOU HERE AND WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO TEACH ME?"
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I ALWAYS THINK TO MYSELF, "WHY ARE YOU HERE AND WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO FEED ME?"

Dick Tracy By Shelley Pleger and Mike Curtis

MR. MACY, I GOT BIG NEWS! BUT FIRST, THERE'S SOMEONE I WANT YOU TO MEET.
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THIS IS MY COUSIN, KLINIQUE PLENTY.
PLEASED TO MEET YOU, KLINIQUE.
I'M VERY PLEASED TO MEET YOU, TOO, MR. TRACY.
PLEGER CURTIS

Animal Crackers By Mike Osbun

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WE SHOULDN'T ALWAYS EXPECT TO GET THE THINGS THAT WE WISH FOR.
WISHING WELL
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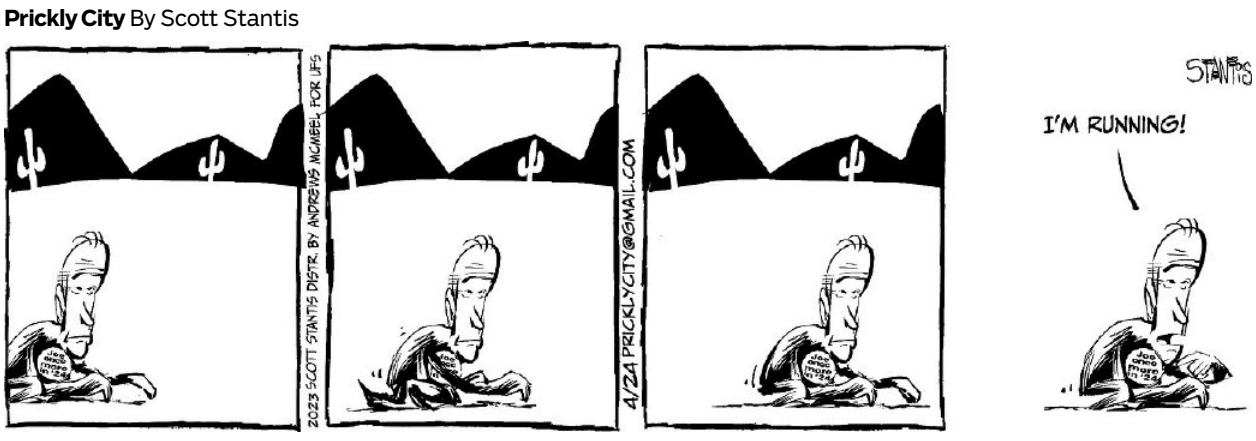
Prickly City By Scott Stantis



Dustin By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker

HOW ABOUT A TRENDY HAIRCUT? SOMETHING COOL AND STYLISH.
I CAN DO THAT.
BUT IT WILL LOOK WEIRD ON YOU.
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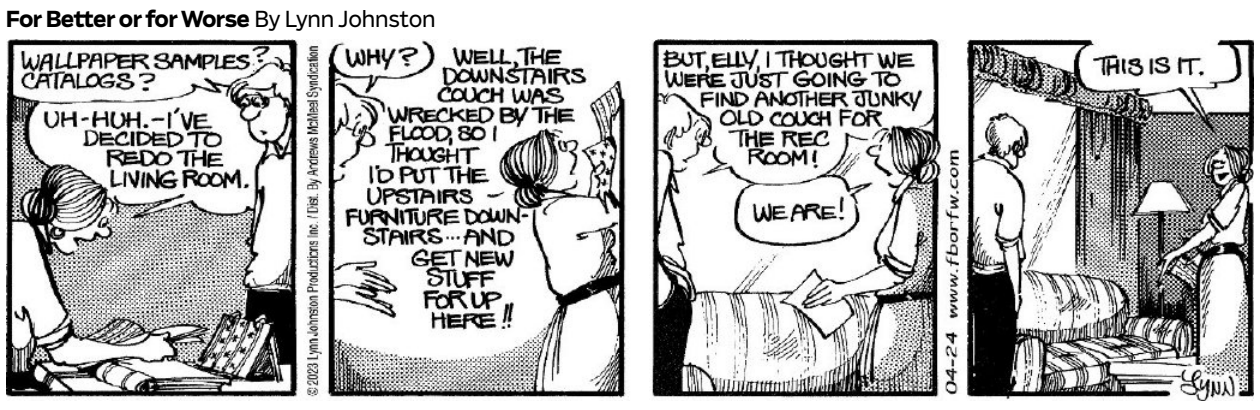
For Better or for Worse By Lynn Johnston


WALLPAPER SAMPLES? CATALOGS?
UH-HUH.-I'VE DECIDED TO REDO THE LIVING ROOM.
WHY?
WELL, THE DOWNSTAIRS COUCH WAS WRECKED BY THE FLOOD, SO I THOUGHT I'D PUT THE UPSTAIRS FURNITURE DOWN-STAIRS...AND GET NEW STUFF FOR UP HERE!!
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BUT, ELLY, I THOUGHT WE WERE JUST GOING TO FIND ANOTHER JUNKY OLD COUCH FOR THE REC ROOM!
WE ARE!
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THIS IS IT.
LYNN

Blondie By Dean Young and John Marshall

THE BOSS SENT OUT A SURVEY TODAY FOR IMPROVING OFFICE MORALE
WHAT DID YOU SUGGEST, HONEY?
I SKIPPED THE SURVEY
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I KNOW ENTRAPMENT WHEN I SEE IT
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YOUNG MARSHALL

Hägar the Horrible By Chris Browne

ARE YOU THE FELLA LOOKING FOR A NAVIGATOR?
YES, I NEED SOMEONE WHO HAS EXPERIENCE TRAVELING BY THE STARS!
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THAT'S ME, BUT I'M NOT ONE TO NAME-DROP!
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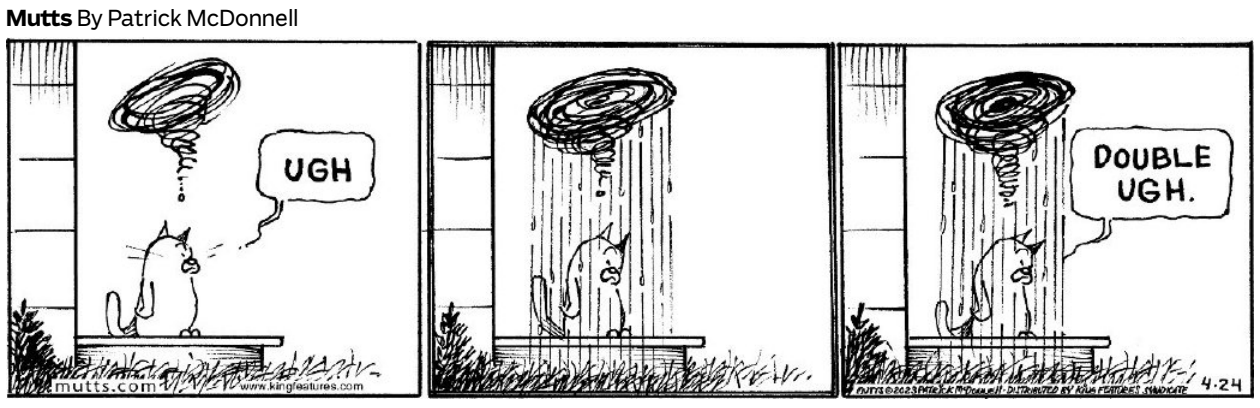
Mutts By Patrick McDonnell



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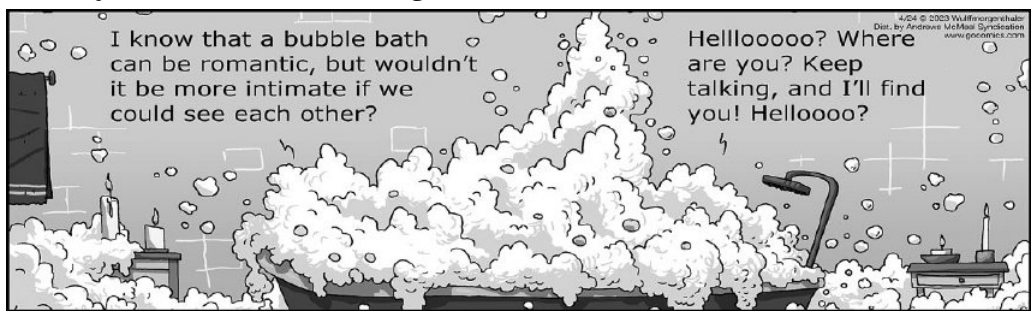
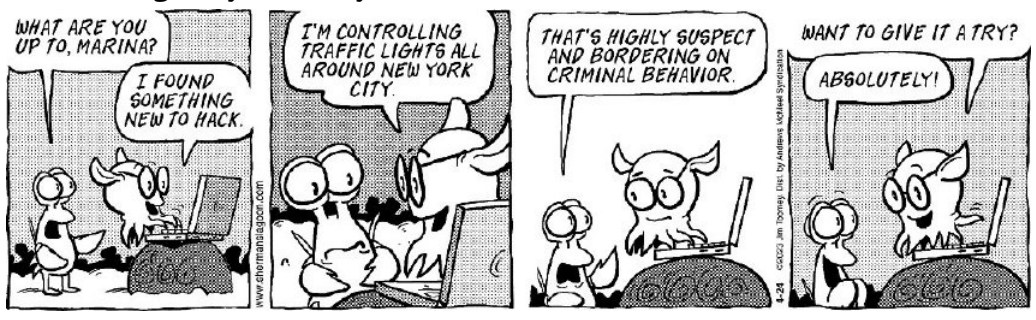

I know that a bubble bath can be romantic, but wouldn't it be more intimate if we could see each other?
Hellllooooo? Where are you? Keep talking, and I'll find you! Helloooo?

Sherman's Lagoon By Jim Toomey


WHAT ARE YOU UP TO, MARINA?
I FOUND SOMETHING NEW TO HACK.
I'M CONTROLLING TRAFFIC LIGHTS ALL AROUND NEW YORK CITY.
THAT'S HIGHLY SUSPECT AND BORDERING ON CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR.
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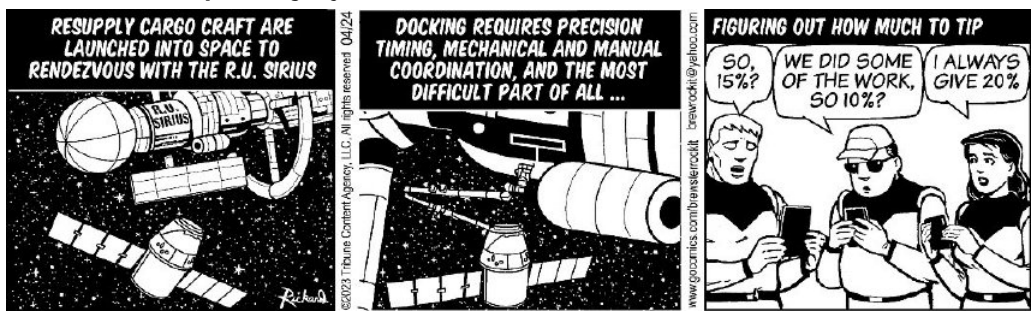
Brewster Rockit: Space Guy! By Tim Rickard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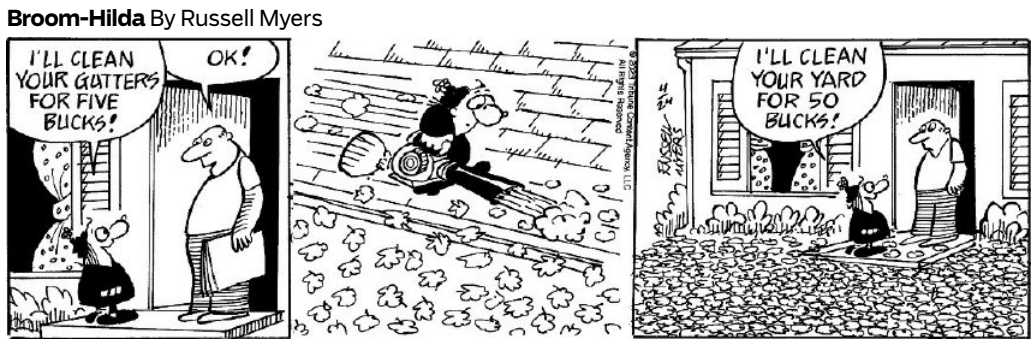

Trivia Bits

In Richard Nixon's famous "Checkers speech," whom did he credit with naming the Nixon family dog?

A) Dwight D. Eisenhower
B) Nixon's wife, Pat
C) Nixon's daughter Tricia
D) Earl Warren

Saturday's answer: Tibetan momo, Mongolian buuz and Chinese ha gow are types of dumpling.

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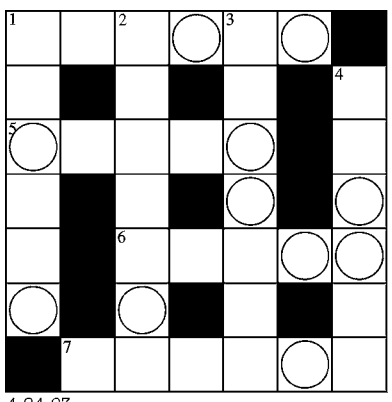
Jumble Crossword



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ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Square root of 400	EWYTTN
5. Beastly, animal-like	RETBU
6. Angry	RTEIA
7. Think up	NENVIT

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Scratch pad	ATLETB
2. Avoidance	EUINOSL
3. Preadult	EETGNEA
4. Determined, resolute	NNTTIE

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

CLUE: This singer's original stage name was Joe Bari.

BONUS

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ANSWERS: 1A-Twenty 5A-Brute 6A-Irate 7A-Invent 1D-Tablet 2D-Elusion 3D-Teenage 4D-Intent B-Tony Bennett

By David L. Hoyt.

Sudoku 1234

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1	2					8	7	6
		5	3					
				2				
	9	8		6	4	7		
	3						1	
		1	8	9		4	6	
				5				
					8	2		
6	4	2						5

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

4	8	5	6	9	2	3	7	1
2	7	6	4	3	1	8	5	9
9	3	1	5	8	7	4	6	2
1	4	3	2	5	9	7	8	6
5	6	9	8	7	4	1	2	3
7	2	8	3	1	6	9	4	5
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3	1	2	7	4	5	6	9	8
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Saturday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

YOMMM

VARNE

NNAAAB

DELHNA

Any other synonyms?
OTHER EXAMPLES -HOSTILE -RUDE -VICIOUS
Would obnoxious work?
Smitty's the definition of it.
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WORDS LIKE "HOSTILE, VICIOUS, MALICIOUS, RUDE, ETC." ---
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Answer here

Saturday's answers

Jumbles: SHIRT MACAW BICKER GAZEBO
Answer: Audiences in Las Vegas attend Mac King's show to watch him — WORK HIS MAGIC

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Crossword

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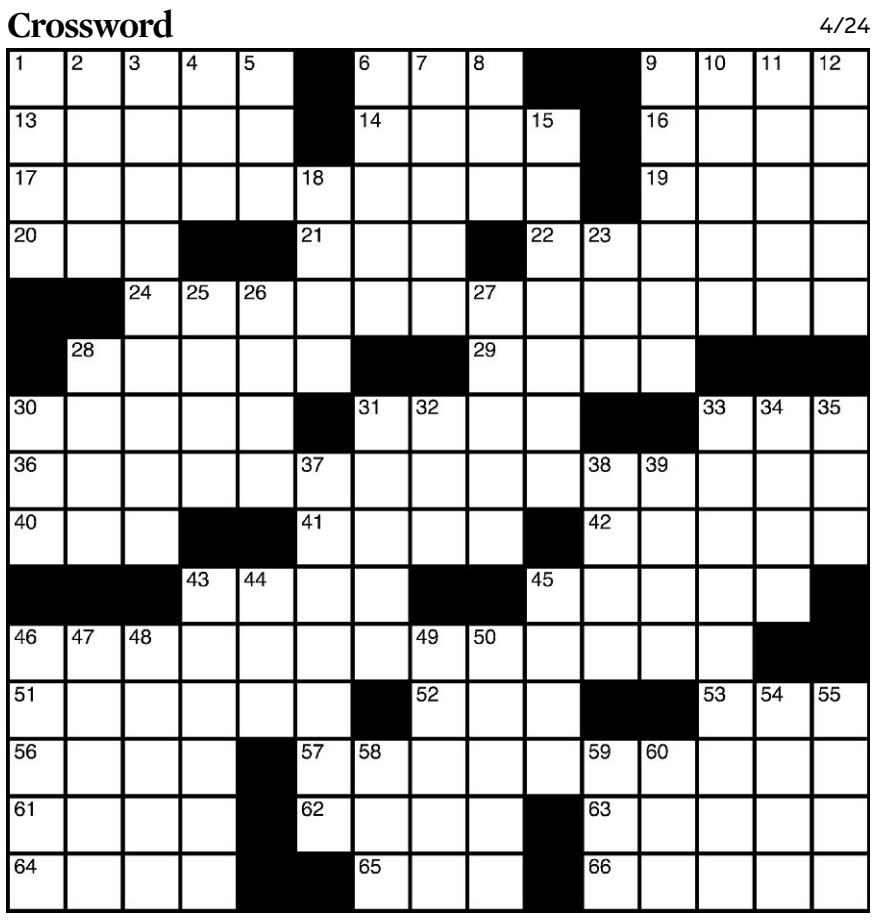

Across

1 Desert plants on Arizona's state quarter
6 "Succession" cable network
9 Mr. Potato Head limbs
13 Feature of many a clock app
14 "Sunday Night Baseball" nickname
16 Lye, to a chemist
17 Palm crease read by fortunetellers
19 "__ Murders in the Building": Hulu series
20 Really angry
21 Malty beer
22 __ party
24 Wash unit
28 Backyard border
29 "Gangsta Rap" rapper
30 Gem
31 Ring up
33 Persian Gulf fed. with seven members
36 Esports giant from Riot Games
40 Old Mac platform
41 Superficially cultured
42 Wall-climbing vines
43 Spanish "other"
45 Hunter who shines at night?
46 Illinois nickname
51 Latin for "as originally positioned"
52 Slangy turndown
53 Wager
56 Frozen dessert brand
57 Letter ender similar to XOXO
61 Chap
62 Type
63 __ the Riveter
64 PC bailout keys
65 Spanish "today"
66 Last name of the "Full House" twins

Down

1 Relaxed
2 Et __: and others
3 Drip from a menorah
4 Final album in the Green Day trilogy that includes "¡Uno!" and "¡Dos!"
5 "As I see it" shorthand
6 Winnie-the-Pooh greeting
7 Legal write-up
8 Gasp of pain
9 Appropriate rhyme for "appoint"
10 Dept. that tests new products
11 Back tooth
12 In a timid way
15 Utter fiasco
18 Grow dim
23 Regret
25 Universal donor's type, briefly
26 First Amendment advocacy gp.
27 Activist Ledbetter for whom the 2009 Fair Pay Act is named
28 Bank add-ons
30 Half of Bennifer, familiarly
31 Reef makeup
32 Away from the bow, on a boat
33 Labor leader
34 Yemen coastal city
35 Snaky letter
37 Lengthy rebukes
38 Big name in bike and snow helmets
39 Really, really bad
43 Laudatory poets
44 Tyke
45 Nueve menos uno
46 Feudal lord
47 South American mountain range
48 Justin Timberlake's former band
49 Many a 101 course
50 Really, really bad
54 1960s pop singer Sands
55 Many a character in YA fiction
58 "__ la la!"
59 Move to and __
60 Response to a funny text, and a hint to this puzzle's five longest answers

Saturday's solution

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BONUS PUZZLE PAGE

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SUDOKU

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6						2		
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Level: 1 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit *www.sudoku.org.uk*.

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6	5	3	1	6	4	7	2	8
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WORD SEARCH

Wordsearch: Disney songs

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Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

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Z H O O Z H T H W V O R E L M S R T
R V I R G F G A S T O N B A M D E O
C B T E W L Y T T I X B S N O L H P
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ALMOST THERE
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BELLE
CIRCLE OF LIFE
EVERMORE
GASTON
GIVE A LITTLE WHISTLE
HAKUNA MATATA
I AM MOANA
LET IT GO
NO WAY OUT
OUT THERE
REFLECTION
REMEMBER ME
SOMEDAY
SUGAR RUSH
THOMAS O'MALLEY CAT
TOPSY TURVY
TRY EVERYTHING
TWO WORLDS
WHERE YOU ARE
ZERO TO HERO

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By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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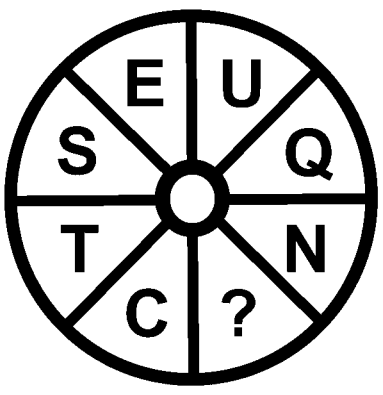
WordWheel



Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

CONQUEST

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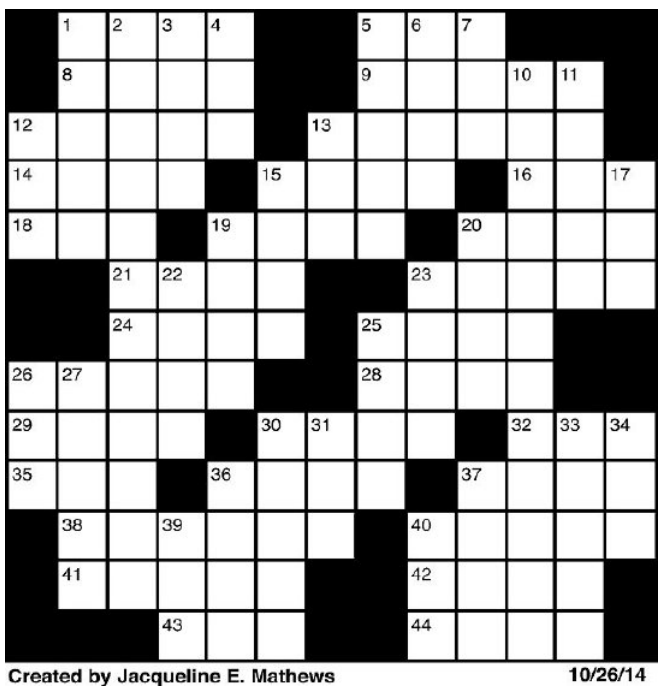
TV CROSSWORD

by Jacqueline E. Mathews



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ACROSS

1 "__ Trek: Voyager"
5 "Last __ Standing"
8 "Dr. __"; psychologist's talk show
9 __ Ballard of "Numb3rs"
12 Mertz and Flintstone
13 Thin pancakes
14 Blood analysis sites
15 Colorful cold cereal
16 180° from WSW
18 "I can't believe I __ the whole thing!"
19 Actor Gross
20 Store away
21 Up to the task
23 Davis or Midler
24 Egg on
25 Actor Wyle
26 Not one's cup __; unappealing prospect
28 Actress and comedienne Meara
29 Shallowest of the Great Lakes
30 Actress __ Turner
32 Nonprofit public network
35 "The __"; Denis Leary movie
36 One of the Three Bears
37 Zone
38 Carol Burnett's role in skits with Vicki Lawrence as Mama
40 "The __"; George Peppard series
41 Mountainside
42 Put in danger
43 Susan __ of "L.A. Law"
44 "Touched by an Angel" role

DOWN

1 "Jack __ could eat no fat..."
2 "The Bold and __"
3 Assists
4 Monogram for "Kidnapped" author Stevenson
5 Ray's mom on "Everybody Loves Raymond"
6 "Jeopardy!" host
7 __ and tuck; like a very tight race
10 Talk show once hosted by Tim Russert
11 "The World __ Enough"; 007 film
12 "The Golden Girls" setting: abbr.
13 "Boys Don't __"; Hilary Swank movie
15 "One __ Hill"
17 Female sheep
19 Seaweed
20 Connery or Penn
22 Role for Marcia Cross on "Desperate Housewives"
23 __ fide; genuine
25 Dog in "Peter Pan"
26 "...__ the ramparts we watched..."
27 Liberates
30 "Cagney & __"
31 King Kong, for one
33 Bird bills
34 Donaldson or Waterston
36 Plumbing piece
37 In __; like a game with no winner
39 Wynken, Blynken and __
40 Mr. Linkletter

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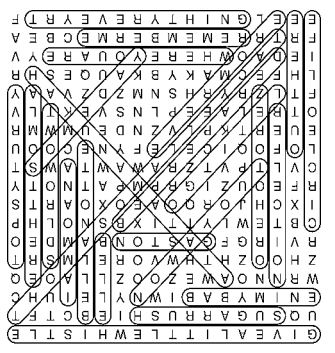
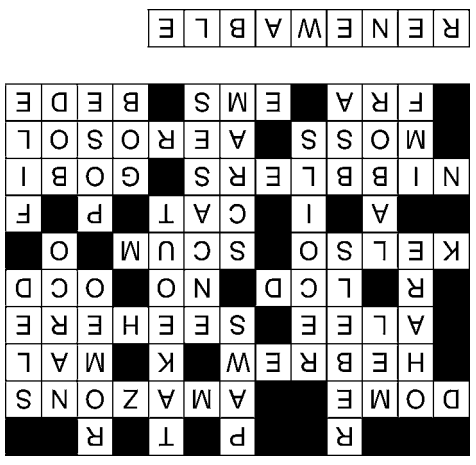


Disney songs



JUMBLE

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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SUREVS

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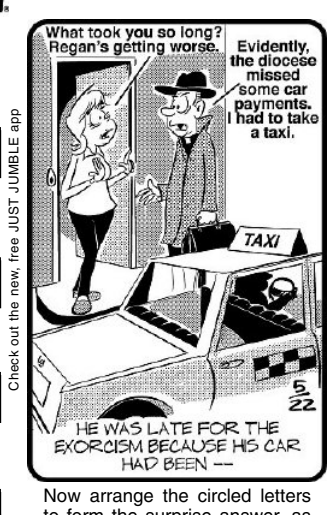
THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek


What took you so long? Regan's getting worse.
Evidently, the diocese missed some car payments. I had to take a taxi.
TAXI
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HE WAS LATE FOR THE EXORCISM BECAUSE HIS CAR HAD BEEN --

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans. here: _____

Jumbles: OPERA SEEDY SPIRAL VERSUS
Answer: He was late for the exorcism because his car had been — REPOSSESSED

ARROW WORDS

Fill in the grid using the clues provided in the direction of the arrows. When complete, unscramble the letters in the circles to reveal a mystery word.

Capitol feature	Chicago airport	Actor Gibson	(1)	Insurgent group	Bears' hands		Some fast food		Juliet's beau		DEA agent	Winter transport
			(2)	Draws back	Warrior women of myth						(3)	
Semitic tongue		(4)				(5)	Wraps up		_ de mer			
Out of the wind					"Now listen!"							
"That '70s Show" role		TV type ___ Work hard				Denial ___ "Get lost!"			Anxiety issue, briefly			
					Pond dross					Sit for a portrait		Do clerical job
Dainty eaters	World finance org	(6)	Jamboree gp.		Purring pet				Gooey mass		Physique, informally	
								Mongolian desert			(7)	
Forest growth					Can type							(8)
Monk's title				Ambulance letters	(9)			"Venerable" English writer				

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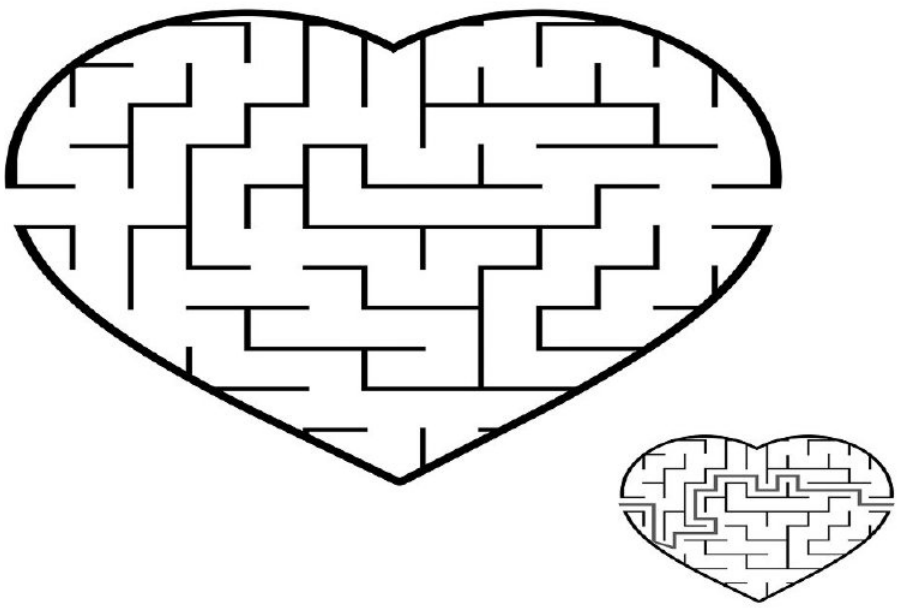

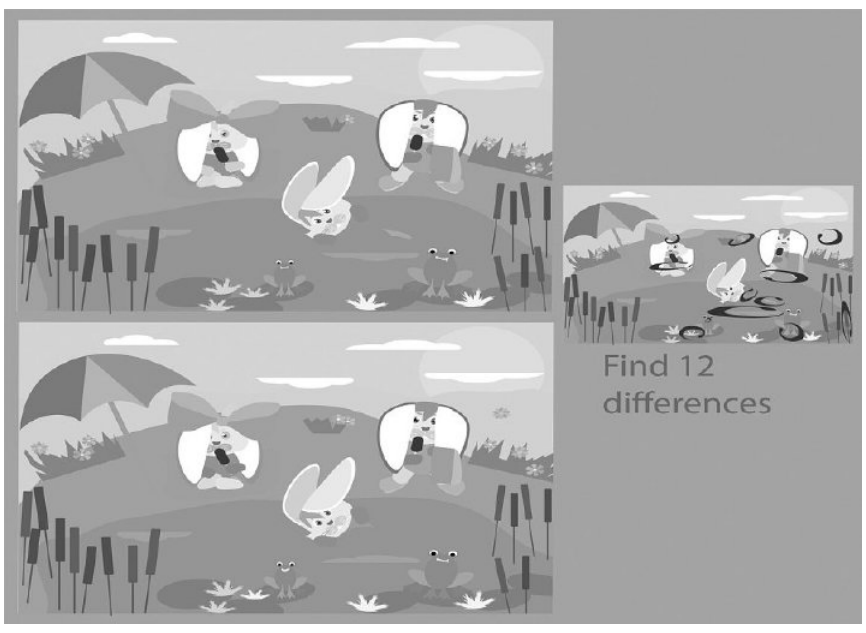

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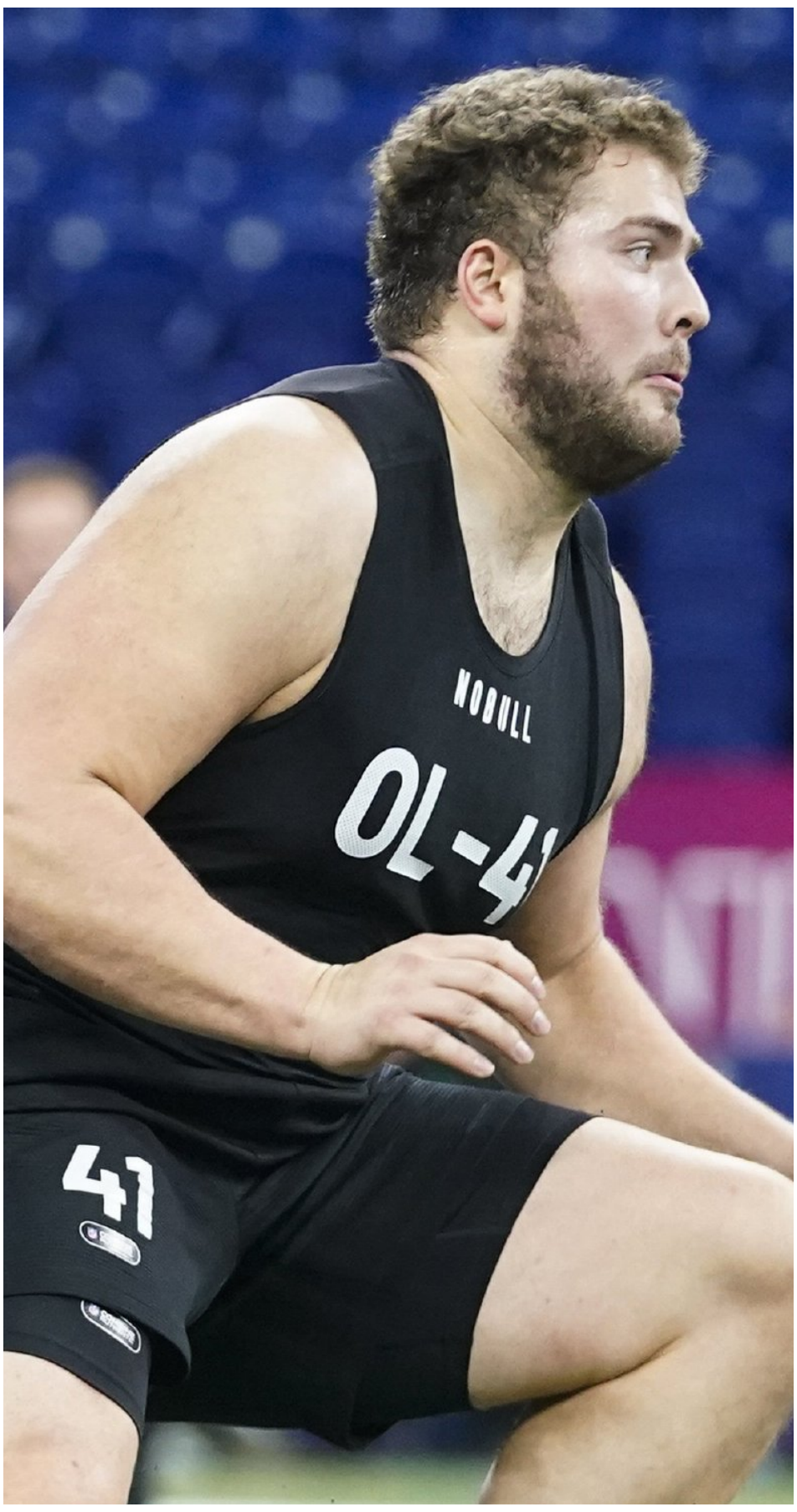

Northwestern offensive lineman Peter Skoronski runs a drill at the NFL scouting combine March 5 in Indianapolis. **DARRON CUMMINGS/AP**

Defensive lineman Jalen Carter runs in front of coaches and scouts at Georgia's pro day. **HYOSUB SHIN/THE ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION**

BEARS FILL IN THE BLANKS

2 lines of thinking

T Carter, DT Skoronski could be options for the Bears at the No. 9 spot in upcoming NFL draft

By Brad Biggs, Colleen Kane and Dan Wiederer
Chicago Tribune

Ryan Poles is just four days from his second draft as Bears general manager. The three-day event is crucial for the Bears as they continue rebuilding their roster, starting with the No. 9 pick.

As Thursday night's first round approaches, our team of writers weighs in on four key topics.

1. The possibility of the Bears drafting Jalen Carter at No. 9 is ____.

Brad Biggs: Intriguing — if he's on the board.

That likely would mean a handful of teams ahead of them removed the Georgia defensive tackle from their board. Personnel men have said all along that based on tape, Carter is potentially the most dominant player in the draft. They also have said it's easy to see the difference between plays where Carter is at 100% and when he's, in essence, taking plays off. As one former GM told me, throw on tape of the elite interior linemen in the NFL today and you don't have to look too hard for examples of them not necessarily playing at maximum effort. But this is a question the Bears — and other teams — will have to work through with Carter, especially with coach Matt Eberflus preaching his HITS principle nonstop. Carter — when he's on — can be a game-wrecker and he plays a pivotal position in Eberflus' scheme at which the Bears don't have a building block for the future. Then there are the makeup and character questions surrounding Carter that are well-documented. If the Bears got satisfactory answers to the questions they had for Carter when he visited, the pick could make a lot of sense and the Bears could suddenly have an impact player on their line. I think there is a decent chance a team in front of the Bears scoops Carter

Turn to Bears, *Page 2*

NFL DRAFT
Thursday-Saturday in Kansas City, Mo.
- Round 1: 7 p.m. Thursday
- Rounds 2-3: 6 p.m. Friday
- Rounds 4-7: 11 a.m. Saturday

How to watch: Live draft coverage will air on ABC-7, ESPN, ESPN Deportes and NFL Network as well as the ESPN app.

Bears picks (10): Round 1, No. 9; Round 2, Nos. 53 and 61; Round 3, No. 64; Round 4, Nos. 103 and 133; Round 5, Nos. 136 and 148; Round 7, Nos. 218 and 258

More coverage: From mock drafts to compelling features to insightful commentary, our Bears reporters — Brad Biggs, Colleen Kane and Dan Wiederer — has you covered. Follow along at **chicagotribune.com/bears**

DODGERS 7, CUBS 3

Cubs like the position they're in despite loss

By Gordon Wittenmyer
Chicago Tribune

If vibes, mood and confidence worked like pitching, slugging and speed, the Cubs would be printing playoff tickets about now.

Instead, they'll settle for talking about it after the Dodgers beat them again Sunday 7-3 at Wrigley Field, handing them their first series loss since the opening three-gamer against the Brewers.

"The confidence is nowhere lacking in this group of guys," Cubs starter Marcus Stroman said. "On any given day we feel like we can beat anybody. There's no one that we're scared of.

"I think this is reassurance to show us that we're right where we need to be."

Maybe.

UP NEXT
Padres at Cubs
6:40 p.m. Tuesday, Marquee

"It felt like playoff baseball a little bit," Cubs manager David Ross said of the seven games against the Dodgers in the last 11 days, "from the standpoint of they saw our bullpen multiple times, multiple pockets saw similar guys. We competed really well against them in a lot of games and split the series."

Maybe not.

Whether Stroman is justified in his sizable level of confidence or delusional, the 12-9 Cubs won't be confused anytime soon with Derek

Turn to Cubs, *Page 3*

White Sox starter Lucas Giolito reacts after the second inning against the Rays on Sunday at Tropicana Field in St Petersburg, Florida. **JULIO AGUILAR/GETTY**

UP NEXT
White Sox at Blue Jays
6:07 p.m. Monday, NBCSCH

RAYS 4, WHITE SOX 1

Ray of plight: Sox get swept as bats go quiet

By LaMond Pope
Chicago Tribune

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — The White Sox hadn't won since Lucas Giolito's six innings of no-hit ball in the second game of Tuesday's doubleheader against the Phillies.

Giolito returned to the mound Sunday, but the Sox couldn't stop their slide or slow down the red-hot Rays.

The right-hander allowed four runs on five hits in seven innings in a 4-1 loss to the Rays in front of 22,702 at Tropicana Field.

The Sox were swept for the first time this season.

They've lost four straight, six of seven and nine of 11, falling eight games below .500. They are 0-6-1 in series.

At 7-15, the Sox are off to their worst start since 2018, when they began 6-16.

"We've just got to keep playing," manager Pedro Grifol said. "There's nothing else to it. They're not going to stop the season. ... Buckle down. Head to Toronto and play good baseball. That's it.

"There's a lot of care in there, there's a lot of fight in there. They've been through this before. We've just got to keep fighting. We've got to play baseball. Continue to fight and prepare. It's going to turn around. We've just got to fight."

Luke Raley hit a two-run homer during a three-run second and Harold Ramírez added a solo blast in the third for the Rays, who

Turn to Sox, *Page 3*

Team	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
CUBS		SD 6:40 p.m. | Marquee, MLBN	SD 6:40 p.m. | Marquee, MLBN	SD 1:20 p.m. | Marquee	@MIA 5:40 p.m. | Marquee
SOX	@TOR 6:07 p.m. | NBCSCH	@TOR 6:07 p.m. | NBCSCH	@TOR 12:07 p.m. | NBCSCH, MLBN	TB 6:10 p.m. | NBCSCH, MLBN	TB 6:10 p.m. | NBCSCH
FIRE					Next game Saturday vs. NYRB
RED STARS					Next game Saturday vs. WAS

CHICAGO SOCCER ROUNDUP

Fire lose after stoppage-time own goal; Red Stars stumble

By Susie Rantz | Associated Press

Giorgos Giakoumakis became just the second player in MLS history to score in each of his first five starts, and host Atlanta United used an own goal in the ninth minute of stoppage time to beat the Fire 2-1 on Sunday.

United's Juan José Purata redirected a corner kick off Fire midfielder Maren Haile-Selassie and into the net for an own goal in stoppage time to seal the win.

Giakoumakis, a 28-year-old forward from Greece, opened the scoring in the 13th minute and joined Taylor Twellman, who scored a goal in his first six MLS starts for the New England Revolution in 2002.

Kacper Przybylko subbed on in the 81st minute for the Fire and scored in the 90th to make it 1-1. He ran onto a giveaway by United and had his first shot stopped by backup goalkeeper Clément Diop, but the rebound bounced out to Brian Gutiérrez, who tapped it back to Przybylko for the one-touch finish from point-blank range.

Diop replaced starter Quentin Westberg to begin the second half and finished with two saves in his first appearance of the season. Westberg, who left the game with an apparent knee injury, also stopped two shots.

Chris Brady had three saves for the Fire (2-2-4), who had their five-game unbeaten streak snapped.

United (4-1-3) is unbeaten in four games since suffering its only loss of the season a 6-1 road drubbing by the Columbus Crew.

OL Reign 5, Red Stars 2: Bethany Balcer and Jess Fishlock each scored a pair of goals to lead OL Reign to a victory against the Red Stars on Saturday.

The win at Seattle's Lumen Field gave the Reign (3-1-0) their best start since 2014.

Balcer scored the first two goals in the 15th and 20th minutes, with Veronica Latsko and Lauren Barnes assisting. No player has scored more goals at home since 2019 than Balcer, who has 20 goals in Reign home matches.

Arin Wright got a goal back for the Red Stars (1-3-0) in the 32nd minute, pouncing on a ball in the box that the Reign couldn't clear.

In the final minutes of the first half, Fishlock scored her first goal. Emily Sonnett won a ball that was bouncing around after a Reign corner and passed it to Fishlock for the assist.

Red Stars rookie Ally Schlegel scored her first NWSL goal early in the second half, winning a challenge in the box and sliding her shot into the lower-right corner.

Megan Rapinoe scored on a free kick in the 75th minute, splitting her shot between two Red Stars players before it deflected off another defender and slipped into the near post.

Fishlock scored the Reign's final goal in the 76th minute, finishing with one touch on a Balcer assist.

Bears

from Page 1

up. If not, maybe a couple of snubs would be a tremendous motivation for Carter as he begins his professional career at Halas Hall.

Colleen Kane: Intriguing.

But I'm not sure the Bears even will have that chance. The further we get from that stunning morning at the NFL combine when arrest warrants were issued for Carter, the more it seems likely a team in the top eight will draft the Georgia defensive tackle. Teams deciding whether they will draft Carter have major concerns to consider after he pleaded no contest to charges of reckless driving and racing in relation to a car crash that killed a Georgia teammate and staffer. (Carter was not driving the car that crashed.) But with that legal matter behind him, my guess is a team ahead of the Bears is going to deem it worth the risk to scoop up a player of his football talents. If Carter does drop to No. 9? Drafting him has to be a major consideration. Poles noted last month that he has to think about how bringing in a player with character concerns will affect a young locker room. It will depend on how much Carter calmed those concerns on his visit to Halas Hall on April 4.

Dan Wiederer: Intriguing at the very least.

How could it not be? If the draft had been held Jan. 10 and the Bears weren't allowed to trade out of the No. 1 slot, there's a chance they would have selected Carter on the spot with little hesitation. His on-field talent is just that impressive, and he would fill a big hole at a critical position in Matt Eberflus' defense. The Bears trade-down to No. 9 netted them receiver DJ Moore plus three additional picks over the next three drafts. And now? Here in draft week, there's still the prospect of them uniting with Carter? Yes, there are legal issues the Bears have been sorting through and character questions they've been trying to get answered. Discussions about trust and reliability have been constant at Halas Hall. Going all-in on Carter would come with an elevated level of acknowledged risk. But then there's also that possibility of the high-end reward with Carter seen by most talent evaluators as an elite playmaker, a true game-wrecker and maybe the most dominant prospect in this draft class.

Offensive tackle Paris Johnson Jr. runs a drill at Ohio State's pro day on March 22. **PAUL VERNON/AP**

2. The ongoing discussion about Peter Skoronski's arm length has been ____.

Biggs: Predictable.

It's a primary discussion for players being considered as left tackles in the first round but it's only one part of the conversation. Ideally teams seek offensive tackles with 34-inch arms. Plenty of elite tackles played with shorter arms. Joe Thomas' arms were 33 ¾ inches. Joe Staley's were 33 ½ inches. Jason Peters, who played left tackle for the Bears for much of the 2021 season, has 33½-inch arms. More important is how the tackle uses his arms and what type of footwork and lateral quickness he possesses. Skoronski measured 32¼ inches at the scouting combine, shorter than his former Northwestern teammate Rashawn Slater (33). Some thought Slater was destined to be a guard because of his arm length. He has solidified himself at left tackle for the Los Angeles Chargers. There are no questions about whether Skoronski will be a successful NFL player. I think the team selecting him can try him out wherever their greatest need is on the line. If it's at a tackle, see how he fares. If the arm length is an issue, kick him inside. If the team's greatest need is at guard, play him there. It seems a little crazy to be talking about a difference of an inch or 1½ inches, but how many plays in an NFL game are decided by a matter of inches?

Kane: Valid.

I'll start with Skoronski's answer to a question at the NFL combine about his arm length after the measurement came out to 32¼ inches. "It's pretty irrelevant," he said. "Some of my issues that have been chalked up to arm length are really just technical things I can work on and try to fix." The discussion of whether Skoronski's arm length will affect his ability to play offensive tackle in the NFL is worth having, especially since the Maine South and Northwestern product is projected as a top-10 pick. Skoronski will be going up against big, long defenders in the NFL, and shorter arms put him at a disadvantage. But it's also worth talking about whether Skoronski has the technique and ability to overcome it. Obviously Skoronski thinks he does, and some draft analysts agree, including ESPN's Todd McShay, who said, "He's athletic and technically sound enough that he can thrive at tackle as well (as guard)."

Wiederer: Understandable.

Skoronski's arm length — measured at 32¼ inches at the scouting combine in March — shouldn't be the entry point into the discussion about his NFL potential. It probably shouldn't even come up in the first five minutes of the assessment. That conversation should start with the value of Skoronski's athleticism, sound technique and feel for the game. But the arm-length topic shouldn't be eliminated from the evaluation either, not with the draft capital at a team like the Bears would have to invest to make him the leader of the offensive line and the headliner of their draft class. Little things matter. And for NFL offensive tackles, arm length remains a factor in the overall ability to slow elite pass rushers who are coming after your quarterback with ill intent. Now, is arm length the most important factor in a tackle's pro success? No way. But those who are deficient in that area, such as Skoronski, must demonstrate undeniable strengths that would override that limitation. Skoronski has those. In league circles, there's a strong consensus he is going be a great pro no matter where he plays on the line. Many think he will be a good tackle if the team that drafts him wants to use him there. Some think he can be elite at guard. For a team like the Bears picking in the top 10, having a long-term vision for the headliner of this draft class is a requirement. In the case of every prospect, including Skoronski, examining every top quality and minor flaw is simply part of the process.

3. By the end of draft weekend, Ryan Poles must ____.

Biggs: Attack the void at edge rusher with multiple options.

The Bears were last in the NFL in sacks last season with 20 and didn't get a lot accomplished in free agency to add to the group. DeMarcus Walker was a rotational player in Tennessee and could start at left end. The Bears need to add some juice to the edge, even if it's just a nickel pass rusher, who can give coordinator Alan Williams some matchup options. It's a good draft for edge rushers, and the second and third rounds should offer options. Poles needs to select the right ones.

Kane: Add quality players to his offensive and defensive lines.

The Bears need a starting offensive tackle to play opposite Braxton Jones, and Poles was up front in saying last month at the NFL owners meeting that his best option might be to find help there in the draft over picking up a second-tier free agent. The Bears will have good options for an OT in the first round, but even if it's with one of their second-round picks, I think it's important to draft one. The Bears also need an edge rusher. Yes, they signed free agent DeMarcus Walker, who can play outside and inside on the defensive line, and they return Trevis Gipson and Dominique Robinson, but they need more young players who can get after the quarterback. The Bears have players on the roster who can play the three-technique, but adding an option in the draft also would be beneficial.

Wiederer: Upgrade his offensive and defensive lines.

That shouldn't be a difficult task given the state of the depth chart in both areas. But entering the draft with 10 selections, including four in the top 64 picks, Poles should be looking to add multiple immediate starters and a couple of reliable reserves to his lines. Quarterback Justin Fields needs to have more comfort and confidence in this protection as he looks to make a big developmental leap as an NFL pocket passer. Matt Eberflus' defense has to become much more imposing after a 2022 nose-dive in which it gave up 408 yards and 33.1 points per game during the 10-game losing streak to end the year. The Bears have needs everywhere. But particularly given some of the team's misses in free agency, the offensive and defensive lines have to be the top priority.

4. The player I'm projecting the Bears to take with their top pick Thursday night is ____.

Biggs: Peter Skoronski.

While I am leaving myself the option of making a change before the final mock draft drops Wednesday, I think offensive linemen are going to be the strength of the draft when the Bears are on the clock. Jalen Carter could be off the board by then, and if Poles does not engineer a trade down to add some more draft capital on Friday and/or Saturday, he can stay put and add a lineman to a unit that has been upgraded with only one move in free agency: guard Nate Davis. Maybe Skoronski could play tackle for the Bears on either side. If not, he can settle in at guard — and there would be nothing wrong with getting an elite player at that position. The Bears need more quality linemen, period, and Skoronski checks every box with the exception of the aforementioned questions about arm length. Let offensive line coach Chris Morgan sort out where he would fit best and get an anchor for years to come on a line that has some players the Bears like but are not dominant at this point in their respective careers.

Kane: Skoronski.

It just makes so much sense. The Bears are in desperate need of an offensive tackle, and here's the Big Ten offensive lineman of the year, projected to be a top-10 pick, who also happens to be a local guy. (Though he is the grandson of former Green Bay Packers offensive tackle Bob Skoronski.) Maybe the Bears think his arm length is enough of a concern that they go with Ohio State offensive lineman Paris Johnson Jr. instead. There's a chance Carter will drop to No. 9 and the Bears would have to think seriously about him. Or maybe the Bears will decide on a good deal to trade back again in the first round. But if none of those scenarios plays out, I think taking Skoronski, Johnson or another offensive tackle seems like their best bet.

Wiederer: Paris Johnson Jr.

Because of the Bears' need and the drop-off in talent at offensive tackle, it feels logical for Poles to take his big swing at stabilizing the offensive line on the draft's first night. That's the most practical approach, even with a multitude of appealing options likely available. And while it's a coin flip for me between Johnson and Skoronski, it's difficult to look past the Ohio State standout's prototypical size and long-term upside. As ESPN analyst Todd McShay said of Johnson last week: "He's still developing. But he great wingspan, great length. He's mobile. He's a good player who I think is going to be reliable and a solid starter in the league."

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Cubs manager David Ross, second from left. talks with players while he waits for reliever Brandon Hughes during the sixth inning against the Dodgers on Sunday at Wrigley Field. **NAM Y. HUH/AP**

Cubs

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Jeter's New York Yankees, Ronald Acuna Jr.'s Atlanta Braves or even Dexter Fowler's Cubs.

And whether Ross was right in the insinuation that the series provided an early barometer for the Cubs' fitness against top teams, a Dodgers group that got to town Thursday with a long list of questions left Chicago after exposing some of the Cubs' imperfections.

Not the least of which was a bullpen that surrendered eight runs in 8⅔ innings the last two games, with most of that damage coming against veteran back-end guys Brad Boxberger on Saturday and Brad Fulmer on Sunday — after Fulmer had given up the decisive grand slam to rookie James Outman in the ninth inning of Thursday's 6-2 loss.

The Dodgers hit 10 home runs against the Cubs in their three wins in the series, including four each from Outman and Max Muncy. Outman's were the most in a series at Wrigley Field by a rookie since the Braves' Bob Horner in 1978.

On Sunday, a touted pitching matchup between Stroman — who entered with a 0.75 ERA — and Hall of Fame-bound Clayton Kershaw fizzled between the Cubs' two unearned runs in the first and back-to-back pitches from Stroman in the sixth that were hit for 804 feet and three runs worth of homers by Muncy and J.D. Martinez.

Stroman said he felt as good as his performance looked until those last two pitches, when he "got out of whack mechanically."

Along the way, he recorded his 1,000th career strikeout, which earned a lengthy ovation from the crowd — and, perhaps notably, no pitch-clock violation.

"I'm just very thankful to be here and feel healthy," he said. "I truly feel I'm getting better with age."

Talk about good vibes and optimism from one of the clubhouse leaders in them.

"I think we're great. I think we're playing incredible baseball," Stroman said. "I think we have a great camaraderie, great flow, a great vibe going on here."

And maybe it'll all pay off by October.

In fact, the best news — if not vibes — for the Cubs on Sunday came before the game when the team said three-time opening-day starter Kyle Hendricks recovered well from Saturday's three innings of work in an extended spring training game and is expected to start a minor-league rehab assignment by the end of the week.

That's especially encouraging for a team that opened the homestand Thursday by putting $68 million starter Jameson Taillon on the injured list because of a left groin injury.

And maybe the Dodgers ultimately will prove to be the measuring stick that they have been the last few years — or even last year.

But at first glance at least, this looked a lot more like a visiting team that got well against an unproven Cubs team than a home team that proved it's ready for prime time.

"I think the Dodgers will always be there," said Cubs center fielder Cody Bellinger, who went 8-for-24 (.333) with three home runs, a homer-robbing catch and a 1.300 OPS during the seven meetings with the team that released him in November. "They're still a really quality team."

They're also a team that limped into Chicago with a significantly compromised infield, a hobbled rotation, one of the worst-performing bullpens in the league and — consequently — a losing record after April 10 for the first time in five years.

"Yeah we've tapped into depth that you wouldn't want to tap into, for various reasons, at this point in the year," Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said as the series opened, "and we're not playing our best baseball."

The Dodgers are so thin at shortstop after losing $625 million worth of free agents from that position the last two winters in Corey Seager and Trea Turner that they opened the series with a waiver claim named Luke Williams starting at the marquee position and by the end of the series had MVP right fielder Mookie Betts making his first career start there.

"I think there's concern anytime you don't play well," said Kershaw, who evened his record at Wrigley to 3-3 with six strong innings Sunday for his 201st victory.

"Obviously the expectation here is to win, and this year's no different. So not playing the way we want to, there's always concern with that. But nothing to do but keep playing and try to figure it out."

They did it well enough against the Cubs to win the season series for the third time in four years, this time 4-3.

How much did some of the close games say about the Cubs? It might be too early to say, regardless of how either team finishes.

In fact, if Ross and Stroman are right about the upside vibes and optimism worth drawing from the Dodgers series, buckle up.

Juan Soto, Manny Machado, Xander Bogaerts and Fernando Tatis Jr. are up next when the free-spending Padres get to town Tuesday looking to stay on a roll that includes four wins in five games.

"I'm always excited to play against the best," Stroman said. "That's why we play the game, to line up against the best guys in the league and see where you stack up. I know the energy here will be amazing."

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have at least one home run in each of their 22 games. They improved to a jaw-dropping 19-3 overall and 13-0 at home.

"There were way too many mistakes early in the game," Giolito said. "Hung a changeup (to Raley), one of the worst changeups I've thrown in a long time. Trying to go up with a heater (to Ramírez), cut it across the plate for another homer.

"I got stronger as the game went on, felt like I was throwing some of my best pitches in the last couple of innings. Just got to work on getting that good rhythm early."

Giolito retired 13 of the final 14 hitters he faced and finished with five strikeouts and two walks. Grifol said Giolito's outing was important in that the length provided some much-needed rest for the bullpen.

"I want to go seven-plus every outing, but there was particular importance on that (Sunday) so I'm happy we got through it," Giolito said. "(Catcher) Seby (Zavala) did a very good job of keeping me grounded and sequencing up well. Just the execution early in the game was not there, and with how hot this team is that we were going up against, they didn't let me get away with it."

The Sox couldn't convert on a golden opportunity in the first. Luis Robert Jr. singled and with one out stole second and advanced to third on a throwing error by catcher Christian Bethancourt.

But Andrew Vaughn grounded to third with the infield in and Eloy Jiménez struck out.

"It doesn't guarantee you a win, but it's important to take the lead," Grifol said. "Percentages are high when you take the lead. The game changes a little bit. And then we missed that opportunity and they came back and he threw a changeup to Raley and he hit it for a two-run homer and they took the lead."

White Sox designated hitter Eloy Jiménez reacts after hitting an RBI double in the fourth inning Sunday at Tropicana Field in St Petersburg, Florida. **JULIO AGUILAR/GETTY**

The Sox scored in the fourth when Jiménez drove in Andrew Benintendi with a double to make it 4-1. That turned out to be the team's last hit. Rays starter Zach Eflin and relievers Yonny Chirinos and Pete Fairbanks retired the final 17 batters.

"They were sinking the baseball, we had a ton of ground balls," Grifol said. "Those are adjustments that we have to find ways to make during the game. That's their strength (Sunday), that's what their strength was, sink those pitches in and get ground balls and they did."

The Sox finished with just three hits. The four-game losing streak is the longest for the team since they lost eight straight Sept. 20-28 of last season.

"We definitely have not played our best," Benintendi said. "We haven't clicked as a team yet as far as hitting and pitching at the same time. There's a lot of games we have kept ourselves in and had a chance to win. That's only going to benefit us moving forward. Still a lot of season left but definitely need to start making a move here.

"If we started off 23-0, I wouldn't think we were the best team ever, it's just taking it for what it is. Learn from it, get better, go get them tomorrow."

CHICAGO BASEBALL REPORT

Sox walk the walk — for 1 inning, anyway

It might be early, but it's never really too early to jump to conclusions about our favorite teams.

The Cubs and White Sox continue to confound the experts in the early going, with the Cubs among the major-league leaders Sunday in runs per game (third) and batting average (second) and the Sox near the bottom in ERA (29th) and walks allowed (29th).

Every Monday throughout the season, Tribune baseball writers will provide an update on what happened — and what's ahead for the Cubs and Sox.

A walk — or 6 — to remember

Andrew Vaughn walked on four pitches leading off the third inning Friday against Tampa Bay Rays reliever Jalen Beeks.

It began an inning the likes the Sox hadn't seen since 1959.

Yasmani Grandal drew a one-out walk and Oscar Colás walked with two outs. Beeks walked Elvis Andrus and Lenyn Sosa with the bases loaded.

Cooper Criswell replaced Beeks, but the erratic pitching continued with a wild pitch that brought home a run with Andrew Benintendi at the plate. Benintendi later walked, the sixth for the team in the inning.

"As a hitter when a guy is throwing a bunch of balls you think you're going to get a cookie at some point, but that's sometimes when you get in trouble and chase a little bit at something you wouldn't swing at because you're wanting to swing so much," Benintendi told the Tribune on Saturday. "You've got to be patient and wait him out."

The Sox did just that in the third. The six walks were their most in one inning since April 22, 1959, at Kansas City, when they drew 10 in the seventh inning.

"When you have a guy that's struggling to find the zone, you want to make him earn it," Benintendi said. "You're looking for something over the plate and not be afraid to hit with a strike or two. It was definitely good to see."

Sox manager Pedro Grifol loved the team's approach at the plate and looked at it in a broader context for a team looking to break loose.

"I love the fact that we shrunk the strike zone and made them throw strikes, left it for the next guy," Grifol said Saturday. "We have the ability to do those things. We've just got to relax and play some baseball, have fun and just enjoy this thing."

'Go, Cubs, Go' to 'Go-Go Cubs?'

The Cubs led the National League in stolen bases on Sunday with 24, while leadoff man Nico Hoerner ranked third in the majors with nine.

According to Cubs historian Ed Hartig, the last time they finished with the most steals in the NL was in 1939, when they swiped 61 bases, led by Stan Hack's 17. The last Cubs player to lead the majors in steals was Kiki Cuyler from 1928-30, when he stole 37, 43 and 37, respectively.

Suffice to say the Cubs traditionally have been a slower, homer-happy team playing at Wrigley Field over the last century-plus. Is that narrative likely to change with the new pickoff rules and larger bases?

Probably not, but they at least have begun to show signs of athleticism.

The last Cub with at least 30 steals was Tony Campana, who had exactly that in 2012. Cubs fans loved Campana, much to the dismay of management, who knew he could not get on base enough to play every day.

Manager David Ross said stolen bases have been an emphasis. He cited the "growth that Nico has taken, specifically in the ability to steal bases, to pick his spots when to run, how to identify what those cues are." He's not Lou Brock, but he's a smart baserunner.

"I truly believe he's going to be a guy that is going to be able to take bags in big spots for us, somebody I really trust," Ross said.

Hoerner and Dansby Swanson could become the Cubs' new "Daily Double." (Google it, kids).

"The way he's played so far is the way he wants to be all the time," team President Jed Hoyer said of Hoerner.

Asked if Hoerner had an amber light to run as opposed to a green light, Ross replied: "Is that like yellow? I think it's like a light switch. We switch it on and off."

The Cubs have had two of the all-time greatest base-stealers. But Brock was traded to the St. Louis Cardinals in 1964 before his prime, and Juan Pierre played only one season with the Cubs in 2006, when he swiped 58 bases.

Number of the week

32: Rays starter Shane McClanahan got 32 swings and misses from White Sox hitters on 88 pitches over six innings Saturday. It was the most by a pitcher in an outing of 90 or fewer pitches in the pitch-tracking era (2008-present).

Week ahead: Cubs

The Cubs couldn't build momentum off their 5-1 West Coast trip, losing three of four to the Los Angeles Dodgers at Wrigley Field. With an off day Monday and Jameson Taillon on the 15-day injured list with a left groin strain, the Cubs will go with a four-man rotation this week.

Justin Steele (1.44 ERA), Drew Smyly and Hayden Wesneski are scheduled to face the San Diego Padres from Tuesday-Thursday at Wrigley Field, and Marcus Stroman will start the opener of a seven-game trip that begins Friday in Miami, followed by Steele and Smyly. The Padres welcomed back Fernando Tatis this week following his PED suspension but have yet to live up to their preseason hype.

The Marlins have improved thanks to the acquisition of Luis Arraez, who led the American League in hitting in Minnesota last season and was leading the majors Sunday with a sizzling .444 average. The Marlins had six wins in eight games before losing Sunday's series finale in Cleveland. NL Cy Young winner Sandy Alcantara is expected to start over the weekend.

Week ahead: White Sox

The Sox could have gone to the bullpen after Michael Kopech surrendered a single and walk in the fifth inning Friday against the Rays at Tropicana Field.

The stayed with the right-hander, and he induced Isaac Paredes to pop out to Vaughn, who made a nice catch in foul territory. Kopech appreciated having the opportunity.

"I didn't know how many pitches I was at but I knew it was going to be a grind to get through five and that was really my goal after that first inning, to make sure I could go deep enough to save the bullpen somewhat," Kopech said. "To get through five, very thankful to Pedro for that."

Grifol said it wasn't anything specific in the fifth that led to sticking with Kopech, but a bounce-back second in which he retired the side in order and had two strikeouts after a bumpy first stood out.

Kopech will look to build on the finish Wednesday in the series finale against the Toronto Blue Jays at Rogers Centre. It will be his second career start (fourth outing) against the Jays. He allowed five runs in three innings in the first start in June.

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BASEBALL

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Tampa Bay	19	3	.864	—	—	7-3	W-5	13-0	6-3
Baltimore	14	7	.667	4½	+1½	8-2	W-6	7-3	7-4
New York	13	9	.591	6	—	5-5	L-1	9-7	4-2
Toronto	13	9	.591	6	—	5-5	W-1	4-2	9-7
Boston	12	11	.522	7½	1½	7-3	W-1	7-6	5-5
CENTRAL	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**L10**	**STR**	**HOME**	**AWAY**
Minnesota	12	10	.545	—	—	4-6	W-1	5-4	7-6
Cleveland	11	11	.500	1	2	4-6	W-1	3-6	8-5
Detroit	7	13	.350	4	5	5-5	L-4	4-4	3-9
Chicago	7	15	.318	5	6	2-8	L-4	3-6	4-9
Kansas City	5	17	.227	7	8	2-8	L-1	1-12	4-5
WEST	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**L10**	**STR**	**HOME**	**AWAY**
Texas	14	7	.667	—	—	7-3	W-2	8-4	6-3
Houston	12	10	.545	2½	1	7-3	W-4	6-7	6-3
Los Angeles	11	11	.500	3½	2	4-6	W-1	5-4	6-7
Seattle	10	12	.455	4½	3	6-4	L-1	7-9	3-3
Oakland	4	18	.182	10½	9	1-9	L-2	2-10	2-8

National League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Atlanta	14	8	.636	—	—	6-4	L-4	4-6	10-2
New York	14	9	.609	½	+1	7-3	L-2	4-2	10-7
Miami	12	10	.545	2	½	7-3	L-1	7-6	5-4
Philadelphia	11	12	.478	3½	2	7-3	W-3	6-4	5-8
Washington	7	14	.333	6½	5	3-7	L-1	2-9	5-5
CENTRAL	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**L10**	**STR**	**HOME**	**AWAY**
Pittsburgh	16	7	.696	—	—	8-2	W-7	7-3	9-4
Milwaukee	15	7	.682	½	+2½	7-3	L-1	6-3	9-4
Chicago	12	9	.571	3	—	6-4	L-2	6-7	6-2
St. Louis	9	13	.409	6½	3½	4-6	W-1	5-8	4-5
Cincinnati	7	15	.318	8½	5½	2-8	L-6	6-6	1-9
WEST	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**L10**	**STR**	**HOME**	**AWAY**
Arizona	12	11	.522	—	—	4-6	L-2	6-5	6-6
Los Angeles	12	11	.522	—	1	5-5	W-2	6-6	6-5
San Diego	12	12	.500	½	1½	5-5	W-2	5-8	7-4
San Francisco	8	13	.381	3	4	3-7	W-2	4-6	4-7
Colorado	6	17	.261	6	7	1-9	L-3	3-7	3-10

BOX SCORES

TAMPA BAY 4, CHI. WHITE SOX 1

White Sox	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Robert Jr. cf	4	0	1	0	0	.233
Benintendi lf	4	1	1	0	0	.282
Vaughn 1b	4	0	0	0	2	.244
Jimenez dh	3	0	1	1	1	.208
Sheets rf	3	0	0	0	1	.303
Burger 3b	3	0	0	0	1	.231
Andrus ss	3	0	0	0	2	.208
Zavala c	3	0	0	0	0	.222
Sosa 2b	3	0	0	0	0	.147
TOTALS	**30**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**7**	

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Diaz 1b	4	0	1	1	0	.307
Franco ss	3	0	1	0	0	.289
Arozarena lf	2	0	0	0	0	.341
B.Lowe 2b	4	0	0	0	1	.254
Ramirez dh	4	1	1	1	1	.373
Paredes 3b	2	1	0	0	0	.209
Raley rf	3	1	1	2	1	.188
Bethancourt c	3	1	1	0	2	.273
Margot cf	3	0	0	0	0	.190
TOTALS	**28**	**4**	**5**	**4**	**5**	

Chi. White Sox	**000**	**100**	**000**			**1**	**3**	**0**
Tampa Bay	**031**	**000**	**00x**			**4**	**5**	**1**

E: Bethancourt (1). **LOB:** Chicago 2, Tampa Bay 4. **2B:** Benintendi (5), Jimenez (3), Franco (9), Bethancourt (4), Diaz (3). **HR:** Raley (4), off Giolito; Ramirez (5), off Giolito. **RBIs:** Jimenez (7), Raley 2(9), Diaz (15), Ramirez (10). **SB:** Franco (4). **CS:** Arozarena (2). **Runners left in scoring position:** Chicago 2(Jimenez, Burger); Tampa Bay 3(Ramirez 2, B.Lowe). **RISP:** Chicago 1for 6; Tampa Bay 0for 9. **Runners moved up:** Sheets, Margot, Diaz, Arozarena, B.Lowe.

WHITE SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Giolito, L, 1-2	7	5	4	4	2	5	4.50
Banks	1	0	0	0	1	0	3.60
TAMPA BAY	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Eflin, W, 3-0	5	3	1	1	0	4	2.81
Chirinos, H, 1	3	0	0	0	0	2	0.00
Fairbanks, S, 3-3	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.00

HBP: Giolito (Paredes). **Umpires:** Home, Stu Scheuwater; First, Malachi Moore; Second, Mark Wegner; Third, Bruce Dreckman. **Time:** 2:02. **A:** 22,702 (25,025).

TORONTO 5, N.Y. YANKEES 1

Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Springer rf	5	0	0	0	2	.198
Bichette ss	4	1	0	0	2	.330
Guerrero Jr. 1b	4	1	1	2	0	.341
Varsho lf	4	1	1	1	2	.224
Chapman 3b	4	1	2	0	2	.367
Kirk dh	3	0	0	0	1	.245
Merrifield 2b	3	1	1	0	1	.310
Jansen c	4	0	1	2	0	.150
Kiermaier cf	3	0	0	0	1	.295
TOTALS	**34**	**5**	**6**	**5**	**11**	

NY Yankees	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Volpe ss	4	0	0	0	3	.188
Judge rf	4	0	0	0	1	.244
Rizzo dh	4	1	1	1	2	.316
Torres 2b	4	0	1	0	1	.254
LeMahieu 1b	4	0	3	0	0	.281
Cabrera lf	4	0	0	0	1	.224
Peraza 3b	3	0	0	0	1	.200
Higashioka c	3	0	0	0	3	.167
Kiner-Falefa cf	3	0	1	0	0	.176
TOTALS	**33**	**1**	**6**	**1**	**12**	

Toronto	**000**	**003**	**101**			**5**	**6**	**0**
N.Y. Yankees	**000**	**000**	**001**			**1**	**6**	**1**

E: Volpe (1). **LOB:** Toronto 5, New York 5. **2B:** Chapman (10), Merrifield (5), Jansen (1), LeMahieu (6). **HR:** Guerrero Jr. (5), off Schmidt; Varsho (2), off Schmidt; Rizzo (5), off Cimber. **RBIs:** Guerrero Jr. 2(13), Varsho (5), Jansen 2 (8), Rizzo (11). **SB:** Kiner-Falefa (3). **Runners left in scoring position:** Toronto 3 (Springer 2, Jansen); New York 3 (Volpe, Higashioka, Cabrera). **RISP:** Toronto 1 for 8; New York 0 for 5. **Runners moved up:** Kiermaier, Merrifield.

TORONTO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gausman, W, 2-2	7	3	0	0	0	11	2.84
Swanson	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.74
Cimber	1	3	1	1	0	0	4.50
NY YANKEES	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Schmidt, L, 0-2	5⅔	3	3	0	1	8	6.30
King	1⅓	2	1	1	0	1	2.03
Hamilton	2	1	1	1	2	2	2.13

Umpires: Home, Quinn Wolcott; First, Junior Valentine; Second, Adrian Johnson; Third, Manny Gonzalez. **Time:** 2:23. **A:** 39,293(47,309).

MINNESOTA 3, WASHINGTON 1

Washington	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Call rf	4	0	1	0	0	.200
Candelario 3b	3	1	0	0	0	.259
Meneses dh	4	0	0	0	0	.247
Garcia 2b	3	0	0	0	2	.224
Ruiz c	4	0	1	1	0	.261
Smith 1b	3	0	0	0	1	.233
Garrett lf	2	0	0	0	2	.393
Abrams ss	2	0	1	0	0	.221
Robles cf	3	0	0	0	1	.290
TOTALS	**28**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**6**	

Minnesota	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Solano 1b	4	0	0	0	0	.286
Kepler rf	0	0	0	0	0	.175
Correa ss	4	0	0	0	0	.214
Buxton dh	4	0	1	0	2	.243
Miranda 3b	3	1	2	0	0	.244
Jeffers c	4	0	2	0	2	.321
Polanco 2b	4	1	3	2	1	.385
Gallo rf-1b	3	0	0	0	2	.235
Castro lf	3	0	0	0	0	.185
Taylor cf	4	1	1	1	0	.232
TOTALS	**33**	**3**	**9**	**3**	**7**	

Washington	**100**	**000**	**000**			**1**	**3**	**1**
Minnesota	**000**	**210**	**00x**			**3**	**9**	**0**

E: Candelario (2). **LOB:** Washington 4, Minnesota 9. **2B:** Ruiz (4). **HR:** Polanco (1), off Corbin; Taylor (4), off Corbin. **RBIs:** Ruiz (7), Polanco 2 (2), Taylor (8). CS: Call (2). **Runners left in scoring position:** Washington 2(Smith 2); Minnesota 5(Jeffers, Polanco, Gallo, Taylor 2). **RISP:** Washington 1for 2; Minnesota 1for 6. **GIDP:** Robles. **DP:** Washington 1 (Robles, Smith, Robles); Minnesota 1 (Jeffers, Correa, Solano).

WASHINGTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Corbin, L, 1-3	6	7	3	3	2	6	5.88
Ramirez	1	2	0	0	0	1	3.97
Banda	1	0	0	0	1	0	5.14
MINNESOTA	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Ober, W, 1-0	5⅔	3	1	1	3	4	1.59
Thielbar, H, 6	1⅓	0	0	0	1	1	2.57
J.Lopez, H, 5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Duran, S, 5-6	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.45

Pitches-Strikes: Corbin 96-63; Ramírez 22-14; Banda 10-5; Ober 89-57; Thielbar 18-9; López 7-7; Duran 11-8. **Umpires:** Home, Nestor Ceja; First, Alex MacKay; Second, Brian O'Nora; Third, Pat Hoberg. T: 2:13. **A:** 14,763(38,544).

PHILADELPHIA 9, COLORADO 3

Colorado	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Blackmon rf	5	0	2	0	1	.280
Profar lf	4	1	1	0	1	.197
McMahon 3b	4	1	1	0	3	.238
Cron 1b	3	1	0	0	1	.247
Moustakas dh	4	0	1	0	2	.182
Daza cf	1	0	0	1	1	.260
Trejo 2b	2	0	0	0	2	.237
Castro 2b-cf	3	0	0	1	1	.158
Tovar ss	4	0	2	1	2	.191
Serven c	4	0	0	0	1	.167
TOTALS	**34**	**3**	**7**	**3**	**15**	

Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Stott 2b	4	1	1	2	0	.340
Turner ss	4	1	1	1	1	.293
Schwarber lf	2	1	1	0	0	.212
1-Pache pr-lf	0	1	0	0	0	.300
Castellanos rf	4	1	1	0	0	.307
Marsh cf	2	1	1	2	1	.364
Realmuto c	3	1	0	1	1	.247
Bohm dh	4	1	1	2	0	.302
Clemens 1b	3	1	1	1	1	.105
Sosa 3b	3	0	1	0	1	.317
TOTALS	**29**	**9**	**8**	**9**	**5**	

Colorado	**000**	**300**	**000**			**3**	**7**	**0**
Philadelphia	**101**	**200**	**32x**			**9**	**8**	**2**

1-ran for Schwarber in the 8th. **E:** Soto (1), Turner (2). **LOB:** Colorado 9, Philadelphia 1. **2B:** Bohm (4). HR: Turner (2), off Urena; Clemens (1), off Urena; Stott (2), off Lamet; Marsh (4), off Blach. **RBIs:** Daza (7), Castro (5), Tovar (5), Turner (7), Clemens (1), Realmuto (7), Bohm 2(18), Stott 2(9), Marsh 2 (13). SB: Realmuto 3(4). CS: Realmuto (1), Sosa (1). SF: Castro. **Runners left in scoring position:** Colorado 4(McMahon 2, Profar, Serven); Philadelphia 1(Clemens). **RISP:** Colorado 2for 8; Philadelphia 1for 7. **Runners moved up:** Bohm. **GIDP:** Castellanos. **DP:** Colorado 1(McMahon, Castro, Cron).

COLORADO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Urena, L, 0-4	3⅔	3	4	4	4	0	9.82
Suter	1⅓	1	0	0	0	1	1.26
Hand	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.08
Lamet	1	2	3	3	1	2	8.10
Blach	1	2	2	2	0	1	8.71
PHILADELPHIA	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Wheeler, W, 2-1	6	3	3	3	3	11	4.73
Soto, H, 5	1	1	0	0	0	1	3.48
Alvarado	1	1	0	0	0	2	0.87
Ortiz	1	2	0	0	0	1	1.80

Pitches-Strikes: Ureña 74-41; Suter 15-8; Hand 15-9; Lamet 29-18; Blach 18-12; Wheeler 111-75; Soto 19-11; Alvarado 14-10; Ortiz 19-14. **Inherited runners-scored:** Suter 1-0. **HBP:** Wheeler (Daza). **WP:** Wheeler. **Umpires:** Home, Todd Tichenor; First, Brian Knight; Second, Alex Tosi; Third, Tony Randazzo. **Time:** 2:43. **A:** 44,618(42,901).

CLEVELAND 7, MIAMI 4

Miami	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Berti 2b	4	1	1	1	1	.224
Cooper 1b	4	0	0	0	3	.293
Soler rf	3	1	3	0	0	.268
De La Cruz lf	3	1	0	0	1	.314
Garcia dh	4	1	1	3	2	.164
Chisholm Jr. cf	4	0	1	0	1	.215
Segura 3b	4	0	0	0	0	.194
Fortes c	4	0	1	0	1	.179
Hampson ss	4	0	1	0	2	.269
TOTALS	**34**	**4**	**8**	**4**	**11**	

Cleveland	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Kwan lf	5	1	1	0	0	.244
Rosario ss	5	4	4	0	0	.260
Ramirez 3b	4	1	2	4	0	.267
Bell dh	4	1	3	2	0	.228
Gonzalez rf	3	0	1	0	1	.182
a-Brennan ph-rf	1	0	0	0	0	.250
Naylor 1b	3	0	2	0	1	.185
Zunino c	4	0	0	0	2	.250
Arias 2b	4	0	0	0	3	.167
Straw cf	4	0	0	0	1	.260
TOTALS	**37**	**7**	**13**	**6**	**8**	

Miami	**001**	**000**	**030**			**4**	**8**	**1**
Cleveland	**003**	**010**	**21x**			**7**	**13**	**0**

a-pinch hit for Gonzalez in the 7th. **E:** Fortes (2). **LOB:** Miami 5, Cleveland 9. **2B:** Soler (8), Rosario (3), Bell (8), Ramirez (7). 3B: Rosario (2). **HR:** Berti (2), off Allen; Garcia (2), off Karinchak; Ramirez (3), off Luzardo; Bell (2), off Luzardo. **RBIs:** Berti (7), Garcia 3(5), Ramirez 4 (16), Bell 2(11). **SB:** Naylor (1), Rosario (4), Chisholm Jr. (7). SF: Ramirez. **Runners left in scoring position:** Miami 3(Hampson, Berti, De La Cruz); Cleveland 7(Bell, Arias 3, Zunino 2, Naylor). **RISP:** Miami 1for 6; Cleveland 2for 12. **GIDP:** De La Cruz. **DP:** Cleveland 1 (Rosario, Arias, Naylor).

MIAMI	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Luzardo, L, 2-1	4⅓	8	4	4	1	6	3.62
Barnes	1⅔	0	0	0	0	2	1.93
Soriano	2	5	3	2	1	0	2.57
CLEVELAND	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Allen, W, 1-0	6	5	1	1	1	8	1.50
Stephan, H, 2	1	1	0	0	0	2	1.74
Karinchak	1	2	3	3	1	1	6.75
Clase, S, 7-8	1	0	0	0	0	0	2.25

Pitches-Strikes: Luzardo 96-66; Barnes 23-13; Soriano 47-27; Allen 86-60; Stephan 17-11; Karinchak 21-15; Clase 6-6. **Inherited runners-scored:** Barnes 1-0. **WP:** Stephan. **Umpires:** Home, Lance Barksdale; First, Will Little; Second, Ryan Additon; Third, Dan Merzel. **Time:** 2:27. **A:** 12,664(34,788).

AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS

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BATTING AVERAGE	G	AB	H	R	AVG.
M.Chapman Tor	21	79	29	14	.367
Arozarena TB	21	82	28	16	.341
Guerrero Jr. Tor	22	85	29	16	.341
Dubón Hou	17	72	24	15	.333
Bichette Tor	22	94	31	13	.330
Verdugo Bos	22	86	28	17	.326
Kelenic Sea	19	65	21	9	.323
Rizzo NYY	21	76	24	11	.316
Hays Bal	20	74	23	16	.311
Y.Díaz TB	20	75	23	18	.307

Home Runs: Devers, Boston, 8; A.García, Texas, 7; B.Lowe, Tampa Bay, 6; Alvarez, Houston, 6; Y.Díaz, Tampa Bay, 6; Judge, New York, 6; Renfroe, Los Angeles, 6; Mountcastle, Baltimore, 6. **Runs Batted In:** A.García, Texas, 28; Alvarez, Houston, 25; Arozarena, Tampa Bay, 22; Semien, Texas, 20; Mountcastle, Baltimore, 20; Devers, Boston, 20; Renfroe, Los Angeles, 18. **Pitching:** Cole, New York, 4-0; Gibson, Baltimore, 4-0; McClanahan, Tampa Bay, 4-0; Ryan, Minnesota, 4-0; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 3-0; Cortes, New York, 3-0; Kikuchi, Toronto, 3-0; Houck, Boston, 3-0; Eflin, Tampa Bay, 3-0; 2 tied at 3-1.

BALTIMORE 2, DETROIT 1

Detroit	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Baddoo lf	5	0	1	0	3	.222
Greene cf	5	0	1	0	3	.235
Vierling rf	5	1	2	0	2	.233
Carpenter dh	3	0	0	0	1	.218
a-Haase ph-dh	1	0	1	0	0	.250
McKinstry ss	3	0	1	0	2	.256
Torkelson 1b	2	0	0	1	0	.216
Nevin 3b	3	0	0	0	0	.063
b-Maton ph-3b	1	0	0	0	0	.129
Rogers c	2	0	0	0	1	.258
Schoop 2b	4	0	1	0	0	.188
TOTALS	**34**	**1**	**7**	**1**	**12**	

Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Hays lf	4	0	0	0	2	.295
Rutschman c	4	0	0	0	2	.291
Mountcastle 1b	4	0	1	0	1	.213
Urias 2b	4	0	0	0	0	.222
1-Frazier pr	0	1	0	0	0	.213
McCann dh	3	0	0	0	1	.143
d-Vavra ph	0	0	0	0	0	.182
Mateo ss	3	1	1	0	1	.360
Henderson 3b	3	0	0	0	1	.183
McKenna rf	2	0	0	0	1	.176
c-Santander rf	1	0	1	1	0	.211
Mullins cf	2	0	0	0	0	.243
TOTALS	**30**	**2**	**3**	**1**	**9**	

Detroit	**000**	**000**	**010**			**0**	**1**	**7**	**0**
Baltimore	**000**	**000**	**010**			**1**	**2**	**3**	**0**

One out when winning run scored. a-singled for Carpenter in the 8th. b-intentionally walked for Nevin in the 8th. c-doubled for McKenna in the 8th. d-sacrificed for McCann in the 10th. 1-ran for Urias in the 10th. **LOB:** Detroit 13, Baltimore 3. **2B:** McKinstry (3), Santander (6). **RBIs:** Torkelson (10), Santander (7). SF: Torkelson. S: McKinstry, Vavra. **Runners left in scoring position:** Detroit 6(Torkelson 2, Maton 2, Rogers, Schoop); Baltimore 1 (Hays). **RISP:** Detroit 0for 8; Baltimore 0for 1. **Runners moved up:** Nevin, Vierling. **GIDP:** Nevin. **DP:** Baltimore 1 (Urias, Mateo, Mountcastle).

DETROIT	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
E.Rodriguez	7	1	0	0	0	6	2.32
Shreve, BS, 0-2	⅔	2	1	1	1	1	3.00
Lange	1⅓	0	0	0	0	2	1.80
Englert, L, 0-1	⅓	0	1	0	0	0	4.73
BALTIMORE	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
G.Rodriguez	5	5	0	0	3	6	5.12
Baumann	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.79
Baker	⅔	0	0	0	1	1	2.45
Perez	⅔	2	1	1	0	0	5.19
Voth	⅔	0	0	0	1	1	7.45
Bautista	1	0	0	0	0	2	1.69
Akin, W, 1-1	1	0	0	0	2	1	6.75

Inherited runners-scored: Lange 2-0, Perez 1-0, Voth 2-1. IBB: off Voth (Maton), off Akin (Haase), off Akin (Torkelson). **WP:** Englert. **Umpires:** Home, Nick Mahrley; First, Adam Hamari; Second, Brock Ballou; Third, Vic Carapazza. T: 2:44. **A:** 36,975 (45,971).

SAN FRANCISCO 5, N.Y. METS 4

NY Mets	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Nimmo cf	4	0	0	1	1	.350
Marte rf	4	1	1	0	1	.239
Lindor ss	4	0	1	1	2	.221
Alonso 1b	4	0	0	0	1	.267
McNeil lf-2b	4	1	2	0	0	.296
Vogelbach dh	2	1	1	0	1	.250
d-Pham ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	.225
Baty 3b	4	0	1	0	1	.238
Alvarez c	4	1	1	1	2	.148
Guillorme 2b	1	0	0	0	0	.263
a-Canha ph-lf	2	0	1	1	1	.240
TOTALS	**34**	**4**	**8**	**4**	**10**	

San Fran.	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Wade Jr. 1b-lf	4	1	2	0	0	.216
Conforto rf	3	0	0	0	2	.208
Davis 3b	3	0	0	0	2	.292
Pederson dh	3	1	1	1	0	.250
Yastrzemski lf-cf	4	0	2	1	0	.269
Estrada 2b	3	2	1	1	1	.329
Crawford ss	4	1	1	0	1	.164
Sabol c	2	0	1	1	1	.205
b-Flores 1b	2	0	0	0	1	.286
Wisely cf	2	0	0	1	1	.071
c-Ruf ph	1	0	0	0	1	.261
Bart c	0	0	0	0	0	.300
TOTALS	**31**	**5**	**8**	**5**	**10**	

N.Y. Mets	**001**	**201**	**000**			**4**	**8**	**1**
San Francisco	**110**	**200**	**01x**			**5**	**8**	**2**

a-sacrificed for Guillorme in the 4th. b-struck out for Sabol in the 7th. c-struck out for Wisely in the 7th. d-grounded out for Vogelbach in the 8th. **E:** Megill (1), Stripling (1), Conforto (1). **LOB:** New York 6, San Francisco 6. **2B:** Lindor (9), Wade Jr. (2), Yastrzemski (5). **HR:** Alvarez (1), off Ty.Rogers; Estrada (4), off Megill. **RBIs:** Lindor (18), Canha (8), Nimmo (13), Alvarez (2), Pederson (10), Estrada (7), Sabol (6), Wisely (1), Yastrzemski (11). **SB:** Crawford (2). **SF:** Canha, Nimmo. **Runners left in scoring position:** New York 2(Marte, Alonso); San Francisco 4(Wade Jr., Flores 2, Conforto). **RISP:** New York 1for 6; San Francisco 2for 8. **Runners moved up:** Davis. **GIDP:** Alvarez, Davis. **DP:** New York 1(Baty, Guillorme, Alonso); San Francisco 1 (Crawford, Estrada, Wade Jr.).

NY METS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Megill	4	6	4	4	1	2	3.96
Brigham	2	0	0	0	0	4	0.00
Raley	1	1	0	0	0	3	3.60
Smith, L, 1-1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2.79
SAN FRAN.	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Stripling	3⅓	6	3	2	1	1	6.89
Ta.Rogers	⅔	0	0	0	0	1	9.95
Ty.Rogers, BS, 1-2	2	2	1	1	0	4	0.79
Brebbia	1	0	0	0	0	2	5.62
Alexander, W, 2-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.93
Doval, S, 2-2	1	0	0	0	0	2	3.00

Inherited runners-scored: Ta.Rogers 3-2. **HBP:** Megill (Davis), Smith (Estrada). **Umpires:** Home, Roberto Ortiz; First, Derek Thomas; Second, Bill Miller; Third, Chad Whitson. **Time:** 2:37. **A:** 27,721(41,915).

NATIONAL LEAGUE LEADERS

through Saturday's games

BATTING AVERAGE	G	AB	H	R	AVG.
Arraez Mia	20	72	32	8	.444
Acuña Jr. Atl	21	88	33	19	.375
Nimmo NYM	21	76	28	14	.368
Hoerner ChC	20	90	33	19	.367
Marsh Phi	21	66	24	14	.364
Bogaerts SD	23	85	29	15	.341
Stott Phi	22	97	33	7	.340
E.Díaz Col	21	66	22	7	.333
T.Estrada SF	19	76	25	15	.329
Swanson ChC	19	73	23	16	.315

Home Runs: Muncy, Los Angeles, 10; Alonso, New York, 10. **Runs Batted In:** Alonso, New York,

SCOREBOARD

NBA PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND
x-If necessary; best-of-7
EAST CONFERENCE
#8 Miami 2, #1 Milwaukee 1
April 16: G1 Miami 130-117.
April 19: G2 at Milwaukee 138-122.
April 22: G3 at Miami 121-99.
Monday: G4 at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: G5 at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
x-Friday: G6 at Miami, TBD
x-Arpil 30: G7 at Milwaukee, TBD

#2 Boston 3, #7 Atlanta 1
April 15: at Boston 112-91
April 18: G2 at Boston 119-106
April 21: G3 at Atlanta 130-122.
Sunday: G4 Boston 129-121.
Tuesday: G5 at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
x-Thursday: G6 at Atlanta, TBD
x-April 29: G7 at Boston, TBD

#3 Philadelphia 4, #6 Brooklyn 0
April 15: at Philadelphia, 121-101
April 17: G2 at Philadelphia 96-84.
April 20: G3 Philadelphia 102-97.
April 22: G4 Philadelphia 96-88.

#5 New York 3, #4 Cleveland 1
April 15: G1 New York 101-97
April 18: G2 at Cleveland 107-90.
April 21: G3 at New York 99-79.
Sunday: G4 at New York 102-93.
Wednesday: G5 at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
x-Friday: G6 at New York, TBD
x-April 30: G7 at Cleveland, TBD

EAST SEMIFINALS
#3Philadelphia vs.
#2Boston/#7Atlanta, TBA

WEST CONFERENCE
#1 Denver 3, #8 Minnesota 0
April 16: G1 at Denver 109-80.
April 19: G2 at Denver 122-113.
April 21: G3 Denver 120-111.
Sunday: G4 at Minnesota, late
x-Tuesday: G5 at Denver, TBD
x-Thursday: G6 at Minnesota, TBD
x-April 29: G7 at Denver, TBD

#7 L.A. Lakers 2, #2 Memphis 1
April 16: G1 L.A. Lakers 128-112.
April 19: G2 at Memphis 103-93.
April 22: G3 at Los Angeles 111-101
Monday: G4 at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.
Wednesday: G5 at Memphis, 6:30 p.m.
x-Friday: G6 at Los Angeles, TBD
x-April 30: G7 at Memphis, TBD

#3 Sacramento 2, #6 Golden State 2
April 15: G1 at Sacramento 126-123
April 17: G2 at Sacramento, 114-106
April 20: G3 at Golden State 114-97.
Sunday: G4 at Golden State 126-125.
Wednesday: G5 at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Friday: G6 at Golden State, TBD
x-April 30: G7 at Sacramento, TBD

#4 Phoenix 3, #5 LA Clippers 1
April 16: G1 L.A. Clippers 115-110.
April 18: G2 at Phoenix 123-109.
April 20: G3 Phoenix 129-124.
April 22: G4 Phoenix 112-100.
April 25: G5 at Phoenix, TBD
x-Thursday: G6 at Los Angeles, TBD
x-April 29: G7 at Phoenix, TBD

PLAYOFF LEADERS
through Saturday's games

SCORING AVG.	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Booker, PHO	4	52	25	139	34.8
Edwards, MIN	3	30	25	95	31.7
Curry, GS	3	32	15	94	31.3
Butler, MIA	3	35	14	90	30.0
Fox, SAC	3	32	15	88	29.3
Durant, PHO	4	34	36	111	27.8
Tatum, BOS	3	31	9	83	27.7
Murray, DEN	3	29	13	82	27.3
Murray, ATL	3	32	5	78	26.0
Westbrook, LAC	4	40	15	104	26.0
Mitchell, CLE	3	29	9	77	25.7
James, LAL	3	30	10	74	24.7

XFL FOOTBALL

NORTH	W	L	PCT	PF	PA
y-DC	9	1	.900	298	240
x-Seattle	7	3	.700	233	177
St. Louis	7	3	.700	249	202
Vegas	2	8	.200	184	252
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**PF**	**PA**
y-Houston	7	3	.700	247	182
x-Arlington	4	6	.400	146	196
San Antonio	3	7	.300	169	183
Orlando	1	9	.100	204	310

y-clinched division an home field
x-clinched playoff berth

WEEK 10
SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Houston 25, Arlington 9
Seattle 28, Vegas 9

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
St. Louis 53, Orlando 28
DC 29, San Antonio 28

Playoff semifinals
April 29: Arlington at Houston, 6 p.m.
April 30: Seattle at DC, 2 p.m.

May 13, XFL Championship Game, 7 p.m.

USFL FOOTBALL

NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Michigan	2	0	0	1.000	53	23
New Jersey	1	1	0	.500	30	30
Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500	37	47
Pittsburgh	0	2	0	.000	18	42
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT**	**PF**	**PA**
Birmingham	2	0	0	1.000	69	12
New Orleans	2	0	0	1.000	60	46
Houston	0	2	0	.000	44	67
Memphis	0	2	0	.000	25	69

WEEK 2
SUNDAY'S RESULTS
New Jersey 20, Pittsburgh 3
Michigan 24, Philadelphia 10
SATURDAY'S RESULTS
New Orleans 38, Houston 31
Birmingham 42, Memphis 2

WEEK 3
SATURDAY, APRIL 29
New Orleans at Birmingham, 11:30a.m.
Memphis at Houston, 6p.m.
SUNDAY, APRIL 30
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 11a.m.
New Jersey at Michigan, 3p.m.

WEEK 4
SATURDAY, MAY 6
Houston at Philadelphia, 11:30a.m.
Memphis at Michigan, 6p.m.
SUNDAY, MAY 7
New Orleans at New Jersey, 2p.m.
Birmingham at Pittsburgh, 5:30p.m.

ODDS

NBA PLAYOFFS — MONDAY

FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG
Milwaukee	5½	(217½)	at MIAMI
at LA Lakers	4½	(220½)	Memphis
			TUESDAY
at Phoenix	11½	(224)	LA Clippers
			WEDNESDAY
at Cleveland	5½	(202½)	New York
at Sacramento	1½	(237½)	Golden State

MLB — MONDAY
American League

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
Boston	-120	at Baltimore	+100
at Tampa Bay	-130	Houston	+110
at Toronto	-170	Chi White Sox	+146
at Minnesota	-130	N.Y Yankees	+110
at LA Angels	-217	Oakland	+180

National League

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at Atlanta	-247	Miami	+205
St. Louis	-125	at San Fran.	+105

Interleague

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at Cleveland	-200	Colorado	+168
at Cincinnati	OFF	Texas	OFF
at Milwaukee	-165	Detroit	+142
at Arizona	-132	Kansas City	+113

NHL PLAYOFFS — MONDAY

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at N.Y Rangers	-150	New Jersey	+125
Toronto	-115	at Tampa Bay	-104
Vegas	-118	at Winnipeg	-102
Colorado	-152	at Seattle	+126
			TUESDAY
at Carolina	-155	NY Islanders	+145

For the latest odds, go to FanDuel Sportsbook, https://sportsbook.fanduel.com/

NHL PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Boston 3, Florida 1
April 17: G1 at Boston 3-1.
April 19: G2 Florida 6-3.
April 21: G3 Boston 4-2.
Sunday: G4 Boston 6-2.
Wednesday: G5 at Boston, 6 p.m.
x-Friday: G6 at Florida, TBA
x-April 30: G7 at Boston, TBA

Carolina 3, N.Y. Islanders 1
April 17: G1 at Carolina 2-1.
April 19: G2 at Carolina 4-3 (OT).
April 21: G3 at N.Y. Islanders 5-1.
Sunday: G4 Carolina 5-2.
Tuesday: G5 at Carolina, 6 p.m.
x-Friday: G6 at N.Y. Islanders, TBA
x-April 30: G7 at Carolina, TBA

N.Y. Rangers 2, New Jersey 1
April 18: G1 at N.Y. Rangers 5-1.
April 20: G2 N.Y. Rangers 5-1.
April 22: G3 New Jersey 2-1 (OT).
Monday: G4 at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
Thursday: G5 at New Jersey, TBA
x-April 29: G6 at N.Y. Rangers, TBA
x-May 1: G7 at New Jersey, TBA

Toronto 2, Tampa Bay 1
April 18: G1 at Toronto, 7-3.
April 20: G2 at Toronto 7-2.
April 22: G3 Toronto 4-3 (OT)
Monday: G4 at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
x-Thursday: G5 at Toronto, TBA
x-April 29: G6 at Tampa Bay, TBA
x-May 1: G7 at Toronto, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Los Angeles 2, Edmonton 1
April 17: G1 Los Angeles 4-3 (OT).
April 19: G2 at Edmonton 4-2.
April 21: G3 Los Angeles 3-2 (OT).
Sunday: G4 at Los Angeles, late
Tuesday: G5 at Edmonton, 8:30 p.m.
x-April 29: G6 at Los Angeles, TBA
x-May 1: G7 at Edmonton, TBA

Vegas 2, Winnipeg 1
April 18: G1 Winnipeg 5-1.
April 20: G2 at Vegas 5-2.
April 22: G3 Vegas 5-4 (2OT).
Monday: G4 at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.
Thursday: G5 at Vegas, TBA
x-April 29: G6 at Winnipeg, TBA
x-May 1: G7 at Vegas, TBA

Minnesota 2, Dallas 2
April 17: G1 Minnesota 3-2 (2OT)
April 19: G2 at Dallas 7-3.
April 21: G3 at Minnesota 5-1.
Sunday: G4 Dallas 3-2.
Tuesday: G5 at Dallas, 7 p.m.
Friday: G6 at Minnesota, TBA
x-April 30: G7 at Dallas, TBA

Colorado 2, Seattle 1
April 18: G1 Seattle 3-1.
April 20: G2 at Colorado 3-2.
April 22: G3 Colorado 6-4.
Monday: G4 at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Wednesday: G5 at Colorado, 8:30 p.m.
x-Friday: G6 at Seattle, TBA
x-April 30: G7 at Colorado, TBA

TENNIS

ATP BMW OPEN
Sunday at MTTC Iphitos, Munich, Red clay, outdoors, outdoors
MEN'S SINGLES, CHAMPIONSHIP
#1Holger Rune d. #4Botic Van de Zandschulp, 6-4, 1-6, 7-6(3).

ATP BARCELONA OPEN BANC SABADELL
Sunday at Real Club de Tenis Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain, Surface: Red clay, outdoors
MEN'S SINGLES, CHAMPIONSHIP
#1Carlos Alcaraz d. #2Stefanos Tsitsipas, 6-3, 6-4..

ATP BANJA LUKA OPEN
Sunday at Tenis Klub Mladost, Banja Luka, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Red clay
MEN'S SINGLES, CHAMPIONSHIP
Dusan Lajovic d. #2Andrey Rublev, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.

WTA PORSCHE TENNIS GRAND PRIX
Sunday at Porsche Arena, Stuttgart, Germany, Red clay indoor
WOMEN'S SINGLES, CHAMPIONSHIP
#1Iga Swiatek d. #2 Aryna Sabalenka, 6-3, 6-4.

AUTO RACING

NASCAR CUP GEICO 500
Sunday at Talladega Superspeedway; Talladega, Ala.; Lap length: 2.66 miles

FN	ST	DRIVER	M	LAPS	PT
1	17	Kyle Busch	C	196	40
2	5	Ryan Blaney	F	196	35
3	10	Chris Buescher	F	196	34
4	4	Chase Briscoe	F	196	33
5	20	Brad Keselowski	F	196	32
6	24	Erik Jones	C	196	31
7	18	William Byron	C	196	37
8	6	Christopher Bell	T	196	29
9	22	Daniel Suárez	C	196	29
10	28	Todd Gilliland	F	196	27
11	38	JJ Yeley	F	196	0
12	29	Chase Elliott	C	196	44
13	13	Tyler Reddick	T	196	24
14	27	Alex Bowman	C	196	32
15	1	Denny Hamlin	T	196	25
16	33	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	C	196	23
17	32	Ty Dillon	C	196	20
18	26	Justin Haley	C	196	19
19	37	BJ McLeod	C	196	18
20	2	Aric Almirola	F	196	27
21	11	Kevin Harvick	F	196	24
22	23	Ross Chastain	C	196	23
23	31	Austin Hill	C	196	0
24	34	Corey Lajoie	C	196	13
25	36	Riley Herbst	F	196	0
26	15	Austin Cindric	F	196	16
27	7	Martin Truex Jr	T	196	15
28	12	Bubba Wallace	T	195-a	16
29	19	AJ Allmendinger	C	195-a	8
30	8	Joey Logano	F	195	10
31	3	Ty Gibbs	T	194-g	6
32	30	Noah Gragson	C	189-a	10
33	9	Kyle Larson	C	189-a	10
34	16	Ryan Preece	F	189-a	9
35	21	Michael McDowell	F	189	2
36	25	Harrison Burton	F	183-a	7
37	35	Zane Smith	F	141-a	0
38	14	Austin Dillon	C	141-a	1

a-accident; g-garage; C-Chevrolet; F-Ford, T-Toyota.

RACE STATISTICS
Winner's average speed: 146.569 mph.
Time: 3 hours, 33 minutes, 25 seconds.
Margin of Victory: Caution.
Caution Flags: 8 for 34 laps.
Lead Changes: 57 among 21 drivers.
Lap Leaders: D.Hamlin 0; A.Almirola 1-6; C.Briscoe 7; B.Wallace 8-30; D.Suárez 31-34; K.Busch 35; R.Chastain 36-38; R.Preece 39-40; E.Jones 41-43; C.Elliott 44-47; A.Bowman 48-52; C.Elliott 53-55; A.Bowman 56; C.Elliott 57; A.Bowman 58-59; C.Elliott 60-62; B.McLeod 63; D.Hamlin 64-70; K.Harvick 71-76; J.Logano 77; M.Truex 78-82; J.Logano 83; M.Truex 84; J.Logano 85; M.Truex 86-97; B.Wallace 98-99; K.Harvick 100-104; B.Keselowski 105-106; C.Elliott 107; M.Truex 108; C.Elliott 109; B.Wallace 110-114; C.Elliott 115-119; A.Almirola 120-122; W.Byron 123; A.Almirola 124-125; B.Wallace 126; H.Burton 127-130; R.Blaney 131; H.Burton 132-137; R.Blaney 138-140; H.Burton 141; R.Blaney 142-143; D.Suárez 144; R.Blaney 145-146; B.Wallace 147-149; R.Blaney 150-154; T.Gibbs 155-156; R.Blaney 157-168; T.Gibbs 169; R.Blaney 170-179; T.Gibbs 180; R.Blaney 181-188; N.Gragson 189; R.Blaney 190-193; K.Busch 194; B.Wallace 195; K.Busch 196
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): R.Blaney, 9 times for 47 laps; B.Wallace, 6 times for 35 laps; M.Truex, 4 times for 19 laps; C.Elliott, 7 times for 18 laps; A.Almirola, 3 times for 11 laps; K.Harvick, 2 times for 11 laps; H.Burton, 3 times for 11 laps; A.Bowman, 3 times for 8 laps; D.Hamlin, 1 time for 7 laps; D.Suárez, 2 times for 5 laps; T.Gibbs, 3 times for 4 laps; K.Busch, 3 times for 3 laps; E.Jones, 1 time for 3 laps; R.Chastain, 1 time for 3 laps; J.Logano, 3 times for 3 laps; B.Keselowski, 1 time for 2 laps; R.Preece, 1 time for 2 laps; C.Briscoe, 1 time for 1 lap; W.Byron, 1 time for 1 lap; B.McLeod, 1 time for 1 lap; N.Gragson, 1 time for 1 lap.
Top 16 in Points: 1. C.Bell, 302; 2. R.Chastain, 297; 3. K.Harvick, 287; 4. K.Larson, 285; 5. M.Truex, 266; 6. T.Reddick, 265; 7. J.Logano, 258; 8. K.Busch, 250; 9. D.Hamlin, 247; 10. R.Blaney, 241; 11. A.Bowman, 237; 12. B.Keselowski, 235; 13. R.Stenhouse, 223; 14. C.Briscoe, 210; 15. W.Byron, 208; 16. C.Buescher, 206.

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
New England	6	1	2	20	15	8
Cincinnati	6	1	2	20	12	10
Atlanta	5	1	3	18	18	13
New York City FC	4	2	3	15	12	10
Columbus	4	3	2	14	18	10
Nashville	3	3	3	12	8	5
Philadelphia	3	4	2	11	14	13
D.C. United	3	4	2	11	11	13
Orlando City	3	3	2	11	8	10
Chicago	2	2	4	10	12	12
Charlotte FC	2	4	3	9	10	16
Toronto FC	1	2	6	9	12	13
N.Y. Red Bulls	1	3	5	8	6	9
Inter Miami CF	2	6	0	6	6	9
CF Montréal	2	6	0	6	5	17
WESTERN	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PT**	**GF**	**GA**
St. Louis City SC	6	2	1	19	21	10
Seattle	6	2	1	19	17	7
Los Angeles FC	5	0	3	18	16	6
FC Dallas	4	3	2	14	12	11
San Jose	4	3	2	14	11	11
Houston	4	3	1	13	10	8
Minnesota United	3	3	2	11	8	8
Vancouver	2	2	4	10	11	7
Real Salt Lake	3	5	0	9	10	17
Portland	2	5	2	8	11	15
Austin FC	2	4	2	8	6	12
Colorado	1	3	5	8	6	11
LA Galaxy	1	4	3	6	7	12
Sporting KC	0	6	3	3	3	13

Three points for win, one point for tie.

SUNDAY'S RESULT
Atlanta 2, Chicago 1

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Atlanta at Nashville, 12:30p.m.
Miami at Columbus, 6:30p.m.
Charlotte FC at D.C. United, 6:30p.m.
Cincinnati at New England, 6:30p.m.
LA Galaxy at Orlando City, 6:30p.m.
New York City FC at Toronto FC, 6:30 p.m.
San Jose at Austin FC, 7:30p.m.
N.Y. Red Bulls at Chicago, 7:30p.m.
CF Montréal at Sporting KC, 7:30p.m.
Portland at St. Louis City SC, 7:30p.m.
Seattle at Real Salt Lake, 8:30p.m.
Houston at Los Angeles FC, 9:30p.m.
Colorado at Vancouver, 9:30p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30
FC Dallas at Minnesota, 8p.m.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Charlotte FC 1, Columbus 0
Cincinnati 2, Portland 1
CF Montréal 2, N.Y. Red Bulls 0
New England 2, Sporting KC 1
New York City FC 3, FC Dallas 1
D.C. United 3, Orlando City 1
Philadelphia 4, Toronto FC 2
Houston 1, Miami 0
Los Angeles FC 1, Nashville 1
Saint Louis City SC 1, Colorado 1
Real Salt Lake 3, San Jose 1
LA Galaxy 2, Austin FC 0
Seattle 1, Minnesota 0

NWSL

CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Portland	3	0	1	10	11	2
OL Reign	3	1	0	9	8	3
San Diego	3	1	0	9	8	4
Gotham FC	3	1	0	9	5	3
Washington	2	0	2	8	5	3
Houston	1	0	3	6	3	2
Angel City	1	2	1	4	5	7
Louisville	0	1	3	3	4	6
Chicago	1	3	0	3	9	12
North Carolina	1	3	0	3	3	6
Kansas City	1	3	0	3	5	9
Orlando	0	4	0	0	1	10

Three points for win, one point for tie.

SUNDAY, RESULTS
Kansas City 2, Orlando 0
San Diego 2, Angel City 0

FRIDAY'S MATCH
North Carolina at Houston, 7:30p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
OL Reign at Louisville, 6:30p.m.
Washington at Chicago, 7p.m.
Orlando at San Diego, 9p.m.
Angel City at Portland, 9:30p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30
Gotham FC at Kansas City, 5p.m.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
OL Reign 5, Chicago 2
Houston 0, Washington 0, tie
Gotham FC 1, North Carolina 0
Portland 2, Louisville 0

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUB	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PT
Arsenal	32	23	6	3	77	34	75
Man City	30	22	4	4	78	28	70
Newcastle	31	16	11	4	54	25	59
Man United	30	18	5	7	46	37	59
Tottenham	32	16	5	11	58	51	53
Aston Villa	32	15	6	11	45	41	51
Liverpool	31	14	8	9	59	38	50
Brighton	29	14	7	8	54	37	49
Fulham	31	13	6	12	44	42	45
Brentford	32	10	14	8	48	43	44
Chelsea	31	10	9	12	30	33	39
Crystal Palace	32	9	10	13	31	40	37
West Ham	31	9	7	15	33	41	34
Wolverhampton	32	9	7	16	27	44	34
Bournemouth	32	9	6	17	31	63	33
Leeds	32	7	8	17	41	62	29
Leicester	32	8	4	20	43	56	28
Everton	32	6	10	16	24	46	28
Notting. Forest	32	6	9	17	26	59	27
Southampton	32	6	6	20	27	56	24

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
West Ham 4, Bournemouth 0
Newcastle 6, Tottenham 1
Brighton vs. Man City, ppd

TUESDAY'S MATCHES
Wolverhamptn vs. Crystal Palace, 1:30 p.m.
Aston Villa vs. Fulham, 1:45p.m.
Leeds vs. Leicester, 2p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S MATCHES
Notting. Forest vs. Brighton, 1:30p.m.
West Ham vs. Liverpool, 1:45p.m.
Chelsea vs. Brentford, 1:45p.m.
Man City vs. Arsenal, 2p.m.

THURSDAY'S MATCHES
Everton vs. Newcastle, 1:45p.m.
Southampton vs. Bournemouth, 1:45 p.m.
Tottenham vs. Man United, 2:15p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Crystal Palace vs. West Ham, 6:30a.m.
Brentford vs. Notting. Forest, 9a.m.
Brighton vs. Wolverhampton, 9a.m.
Arsenal vs. Chelsea, 11:30a.m. ppd

SUNDAY, APRIL 30
Bournemouth vs. Leeds, 8a.m.
Fulham vs. Man City, 8a.m.
Man United vs. Aston Villa, 8a.m.
Newcastle vs. Southampton, 8a.m.
Liverpool vs. Tottenham, 10:30a.m.

MONDAY, MAY 1
Leicester vs. Everton, 2p.m.

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
SEMIFINALS
First leg, May 9 , May 10
AC Milan vs. Inter Milan, 3p.m.
Real Madrid vs. Manchester City, 3p.m.
Second leg, May 16, May 17
Inter Milan vs. AC Milan, 3p.m.
Manchester City vs. Real Madrid, 3p.m.

U.S. MEN'S SCHEDULE (2-1-2)
Jan. 25: Serbia 2, U.S. 1
Jan. 28: U.S. 0, Colombia 0
n-March 24: U.S. 7, Grenada 1
n-March 27: U.S. 1, El Salvador 0
April 19: U.S. 1, Mexico 1
n-June 15: vs. Mexico, 10 p.m.
g-June 24: vs. Jamaica, 9:30 p.m.
g-June 28: vs. TBD, 9:30 p.m.
g-July 2: vs. Nicaragua, 7 p.m.
n-Nations League; g-Gold Cup

U.S. WOMEN'S SCHEDULE (7-0-0)
Jan. 17: U.S. 4, New Zealand 0
Jan. 20: U.S. 5, New Zealand 0
s-Feb. 16: U.S. 2, Canada 0
s-Feb. 19: U.S. 1, Japan 0
s-Feb. 22: U.S.2, Brazil 1
April 8: U.S. 2, Ireland 0
April 11: U.S. 1, Ireland 0
July 9: vs. Wales, 4 p.m.
w-July 21: vs. Vietnam, 9 p.m.
w-July 26: vs. Netherlands, 9 p.m.
w-Aug.1: vs. Portugal, 3 a.m
s-SheBelieves Cup; w-FIFA World Cup Australia/New Zealand

GOLF

LPGA CHEVRON CHAMPIONSHIP
4th f 4 rouds, Nicklaus Course, The Woodlands, Texas, 6,824 yards; Par: 72; a-amateur; x-won on 1st playoff hole

x-Lilia Vu	68-69-73-68—278	-10
Angel Yin	69-70-67-72—278	-10
Nelly Korda	68-70-70-71—279	-9
Allisen Corpuz	72-67-67-74—280	-8
A Lim Kim	71-65-72-72—280	-8
Atthaya Thitikul	70-71-68-71—280	-8
Albane Valenzuela	72-67-68-73—280	-8
Amy Yang	73-69-65-73—280	-8
Megan Khang	70-67-70-74—281	-7
Jin Young Ko	72-71-70-68—281	-7
Hyo Joo Kim	70-70-68-74—282	-6
Carlota Ciganda	70-72-69-72—283	-5
Georgia Hall	70-73-72-68—283	-5
Celine Boutier	73-67-72-72—284	-4
Ariya Jutanugarn	71-71-71-71—284	-4
Xiyu Lin	71-69-71-73—284	-4
Hye Jin Choi	71-70-67-77—285	-3
Ashleigh Buhai	71-73-66-76—286	-2
In Gee Chun	78-66-69-73—286	-2
Cheyenne Knight	71-69-73-73—286	-2
Maddie Szeryk	71-73-70-72—286	-2
Amanda Doherty	76-69-71-71—287	-1
Ally Ewing	70-70-71-77—288	E
Brooke Henderson	71-67-76-74—288	E
Eun-Hee Ji	70-71-70-77—288	E
Brittany Lincicome	70-73-71-74—288	E
Leona Maguire	76-69-70-73—288	E
Marina Alex	68-73-72-76—289	+1
Matilda Castren	71-72-73-73—289	+1
Eila Galitsky	70-75-74-70—289	+1
Danielle Kang	73-69-75-72—289	+1
N. Koerstz Madsen	72-68-75-74—289	+1
Jessica Korda	73-69-75-72—289	+1
Gaby Lopez	75-68-72-74—289	+1
Hinako Shibuno	72-72-71-74—289	+1
L. Weaver-Wright	72-69-73-75—289	+1
P. Anannarukarn	77-67-73-73—290	+2
Jodi Ewart Shadoff	73-71-73-73—290	+2
Nasa Hataoka	70-72-76-72—290	+2
Maja Stark	73-70-71-76—290	+2

PGA TOUR ZURICH CLASSIC OF NEW ORLEANS
4th of 4 rounds, TPC Louisiana, New Orleans, 7,425 yards; Par: 72

D.Riley/N.Hardy	64-66-63-65—258	-30
N.Taylor/A.Hadwin	66-67-64-63—260	-28
W.Clark/B.Hossler	61-67-62-71—261	-27
T.Moore/M.NeSmith	64-66-63-69—262	-26
X.Schffele/P.Cntlay	67-63-66-66—262	-26
S.Im/K.Mitchell	62-67-62-72—263	-25
B.Matthews/S.O'Hair	61-69-64-71—265	-23
S.Kim/T.Kim	66-67-64-68—265	-23
C.Ramey/M.Trainer	63-67-65-71—266	-22
M.Schwab/V.Norrman	64-67-62-73—266	-22
J.Dahmen/D.McCarthy	65-67-67-68—267	-21
S.Burns/B.Horschel	64-69-63-71—267	-21
B.An/S.Kim	67-67-63-71—268	-20
D.Lipsky/A.Rai	62-69-69-68—268	-20
H.English/T.Hoge	64-68-63-73—268	-20
R.Streb/T.Merritt	63-69-64-72—268	-20
T.Pendrith/M.Gligic	64-70-65-69—268	-20
V.Perez/T.Detry	67-66-66-69—268	-20
K.Ktyama/T.Mtgmery	65-67-65-72—269	-19
M.Fitzptrk/A.Fitzptrk	62-71-62-74—269	-19
M.Kim/S.Noh	62-71-66-70—269	-19
N.Watney/C.Hoffman	64-69-66-70—269	-19
E.Molinari/L.Donald	64-69-65-72—270	-18
L.List/H.Norlander	62-69-67-72—270	-18
S.Theegala/J.Suh	63-69-65-73—270	-18
B.Todd/P.Kizzire	64-70-64-73—271	-17
B.Wu/J.Bramlett	63-69-67-72—271	-17
D.Frittelli/M.Schmid	66-68-65-72—271	-17
E.Van Rooyen/M.Daffue	64-70-63-74—271	-17
J.Spaun/H.Buckley	66-66-65-74—271	-17
S.Ryder/D.Redman	63-66-70-72—271	-17
T.Olesen/N.Hojgaard	65-67-66-74—272	-16
W.Bryan/G.Murray	66-68-67-73—274	-14
T.Duncan/H.Lebioda	64-70-67-74—275	-13
A.Nunez/F.Gomez	67-67-69-73—276	-12

LIV INVITATIONAL ADELAIDE
3rd of 3 rounds, The Grange GC, Adelaide, Australia, 6,968 yds, Par 72
TEAMS SCORES
1st-$3 mil., 2nd-$1,500,000, 3rd-$500,000

4Aces GC	-47	Rangegoats	-46
Stinger	-44	HyFlyers	-40
Crusher	-38	Smash	-34
Torque	-32	Ripper	-31
Fireballs	-30	Iron Heads	-28
Majesticks	-27	Cleeks	-24

Individual top finishers

197 (-17)		**$4,000,000**
Talor Gooch	Rangegoats	62-62-73
200 (-16)		**$2,250,000**
Anirban Lahiri	Crushers	69-66-65
201 (-15)		**$1,000,000**
Patrick Reed	4Aces	71-65-65
Cameron Smith	Rippers	69-66-66
Cameron Tringale	HyFlyers	69-65-67
Pat Perez	4Aces	67-67-67
202 (-14)		**$533,333**
Peter Uihlein	4Aces	68-68-66
Dean Burmester	Stingers	66-69-67
Charl Schwartzel	Stingers	68-66-68
203 (-13)		**$415,000**
Dustin Johnson	4Aces	71-65-67
204 (-12)		**$310,000**
Jason Kokrak	Smash	68-71-65
Bubba Watson	Rangego

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SHORTS

Alcaraz repeats at Barcelona Open

In control and looking as dominant as ever, Carlos Alcaraz nodded his head from side to side to the tune of the music being played on the Rafa Nadal center court. The 19-year-old Spaniard couldn't be more relaxed while sitting on the bench during a late changeover, watching the home crowd dance and enjoying the moment. Alcaraz got up and continued to impress on the court, and it wasn't long before he was lifting yet another trophy. Alcaraz became the first player since Rafael Nadal to repeat as Barcelona Open champion with a comfortable 6-3, 6-4 win over Stefanos Tsitsipas on Sunday, securing his third title of the year and ninth of his impressive young career. Alcaraz is now 10-1 in Barcelona and has won his last 14 tour matches on Spanish soil. Nadal was the last player to win consecutive titles in Barcelona with three straight from 2016-18. Also Sunday, top-ranked Iga Swiatek of Poland defended her Porsche Tennis Grand Prix title with a 6-3, 6-4 win over second-ranked Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus in Stuttgart, Germany. It was the 21-year-old Swiatek's 13th career WTA title.

Kiptum runs 2nd fastest marathon

Kelvin Kiptum collapsed to the ground after winning the London Marathon on Sunday and recording the second fastest time in history over the distance. The 23-year-old Kenyan runner set the course record with a time of 2 hours, 1 minute, 25 seconds, missing out on Eliud Kipchoge's world record by 16 seconds. In the women's race, Sifan Hassan completed a stunning comeback to win in her marathon debut. In what was long distance great Mo Farah's final marathon, defending champ Amos Kipruto and world champ Tamirat Tola were also among the elite men's field that Kiptum left behind. Farah, 40, finished ninth with a time of 2:10:28. Hassan won the women's elite race in dramatic fashion in what was billed as possibly the strongest field ever. The Ethiopian-born Dutch athlete triumphed despite falling off the pace and clutching her hip around the 15-mile mark. The 30-year-old 5,000 and 10,000-meter Olympic champ then reeled in the leaders with three miles to go. She then pulled away in a sprint finish along The Mall, coming home in 2:18:33.

FA Cup final set: Man U vs. Man City

Victor Lindelof swept home the winning penalty kick against Brighton on Sunday to set up an all-Manchester FA Cup final that could have so much more at stake than just the chance to win soccer's oldest competition. For Manchester United and Erik ten Hag, it could cap a very encouraging first year under the Dutch manager with a second major trophy — after winning the League Cup — and a statement of intent for next season. For Manchester City, it could be the second leg of a historic treble that would emulate United's feat in 1999 when it won the Premier League, Champions League and FA Cup all in the same season. With the fan rivalry and City's dominance over the last decade, the first FA Cup final between the two teams will be a match laced with tension. "We will give everything," Ten Hag, above, said after United beat Brighton 7-6 on penalty kicks at Wembley Stadium in London after a 0-0 draw through extra time. "... Of course we want to give everything against City. We want to give the fans that, for sure." The FA Cup final will be June 3 at Wembley. *—Associated Press*

Kyle Busch celebrates after winning the NASCAR Cup race at Talladega Superspeedway on Sunday. **JAMES GILBERT/GETTY**

NASCAR

'Lucky' break for Busch

2-time Cup champ gets victory after late crash

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

TALLADEGA, Ala. — Kyle Busch used miscommunication with his Richard Childress Racing crew to win at Talladega Superspeedway on Sunday in double overtime and under caution.

It was the second win of the season for Busch in his new No. 8 Chevrolet and second career victory at Talladega — 15 years apart. The two-time Cup champion didn't even lead his first laps of the race until the start of second overtime. It was the 13th win for RCR at Talladega.

But as the race headed toward additional laps, Busch's crew chief made a late call for Busch to come in for some gas. The message was received too late and Busch had to save fuel just to ensure he could complete another two-lap sprint.

Bubba Wallace surged past him into the lead from the outside line but was turned by Ryan Blaney to trigger a multi-car crash that automatically ended the race.

"Sometimes you've got to be lucky. Some of these races come down to that," Busch said. "You've got to take them when they come to your way. The seas kind of parted there when they went up the race track. They're trying to push draft, and these cars are just not stable enough to do that.

"I saw (Wallace) turn just a little bit sideways and I was like, 'Get out of the way! Just miss it and try to see if I was ahead of (Blaney) by the time it was called.' "

Busch still had to make it all the way around the track to take the checkered flag, with his crew urging him to "Save! Save! Save!" his fuel.

He finally seemed out of gas when he attempted to do a victory burnout.

"It shut off right here when I was trying to do a burnout, so maybe it's out (of gas)," Busch said. "I went left instead of going right. We were sweating it being close ... and I'm like, 'We've got to gamble. We're up here.'

"You've got to take the track position when you have it and go get what you can on the restarts and see what happens. And lo and behold, it worked out. So knock on wood for this one."

NASCAR had to examine the final finishing order as Busch celebrated at the finish line. There were 57 lead changes.

Blaney for Team Penske was second and seemed frustrated with Wallace, his close friend, for blocking him on the final lap.

"In my mind you kind of triple move like that, triple block, and you can't block three times," Blaney said. "Runs are just so big, and as the leader with Bubba, he's trying to block which is the right thing to do, but I think he kind of moved three times. You don't really get a lot of those. I've got to go somewhere."

Wallace, who had team owner Michael Jordan watching from his pit stand, accepted responsibility.

"Close, close, close block," he said. "Not (Blaney's) fault. I honestly thought that he would leave me high and dry coming back around. Hate it I caused that one. Man, I thought it would play out a little different, obviously not getting wrecked."

The race was far tamer than the Xfinity Series race on Saturday, when two cars went airborne and Blaine Perkins remained hospitalized Sunday after his car barrel-rolled at least six times in a crash-fest.

The Cup stars were much cleaner Sunday and the first multi-car accident didn't occur until 48 laps remaining when Noah Gragson ran into the back of Harrison Burton, the leader at the time, to trigger a five-car crash.

The next caution was with five laps remaining when Daytona 500 winner Ricky Stenhouse Jr. gave Corey Lajoie a big push that rammed Lajoie into Joey Logano and sent Logano spinning into the wall. That sent the race to its first overtime, which was an immediate disaster.

Ross Chastain shoved his car into the middle for a third lane and his car bounced off Gragson, who hit the wall to trigger the crash. Kyle Larson was knocked into the grass and his car shot back into the middle of traffic for a full-contact hit of Ryan Preece.

That seventh caution sent Kevin Harvick, pole-sitter Denny Hamlin and Chastain to pit road for fuel to ensure they could compete in second overtime. As the cars rolled around the 2.66-mile speedway under caution, Blaney radioed his Team Penske crew he didn't think he had enough gas to make it to the finish.

But when the race went green, it was Ty Gibbs who was out of gas and he immediately pulled out of line. Busch surged into the lead. Wallace briefly pushed ahead until he was spun by Blaney.

GOLF

Vu wins in playoff for 1st major title

Associated Press

Lilia Vu birdied the first playoff hole to win her first major at the Chevron Championship after fellow American Angel Yin hit her approach shot into the water on Sunday.

Yin's second shot came up short and left and splashed into the pond guarding the par-5 18th hole, and Vu hit her approach just over the green. Vu went with putter from off the green and came up well short, but she converted from about 10 feet for the victory.

Lilia Vu reacts after winning the Chevron Championship on Sunday. It was the 25-year-old Californian's first career major title. **CARMEN MANDATO/GETTY**

The 25-year-old Californian won for the second time on the LPGA Tour and took a celebratory leap into the pond, a tradition borrowed from this tournament's former venue at Mission Hills in the California desert.

Vu birdied her last two holes for a 4-under 68 and a four-day total of 10-under 278 at Carlton Woods in The Woodlands, Texas, then waited as other contenders — including Yin — faltered.

But Yin, after bogeys on the 16th and 17th holes, birdied the 18th to force the playoff.

Vu played at UCLA but considered quitting the game after a rough start to her pro career. She regrouped and won three times on the developmental Epson Tour in 2021, then had a solid 2022 before breaking through in February with a victory at the LPGA Thailand. She came into this event ranked 12th in the world; the 24-year-old Yin, who turned pro while still in high school, was No. 172.

Unable to find a sponsor willing to add to the half-century run at Mission Hills, the tournament — long known as the Dinah Shore for its longtime celebrity host — bolted the California desert for the woods of suburban Houston under a six-year deal with Chevron.

Winners had been jumping into Poppie's Pond off the 18th green at Mission Hills since 1988, and Vu continued the tradition by leaping off a small dock into murky water on a chilly day.

Vu took home $765,000 for the win from a purse of $5.1 million, the largest ever for this event.

World No. 2 Nelly Korda continued to struggle with her putting Sunday but eagled the 18th to finish alone in third at 9 under.

After multiple rain delays through the first three rounds, play was suspended again for 50 minutes Sunday morning because of thunderstorms in the area. The rain stopped after that, but it remained cloudy and chilly throughout the day with the temperature hovering around 60 degrees.

Hardy, Riley team up for title: Nick Hardy and Davis Riley birdied four of their final six holes — highlighted by Riley's 33-foot birdie putt from the from the fringe on the par-3 17th — to give both players their first PGA Tour victory at the Zurich Classic on Sunday in Avondale, Louisiana.

"It was nerve-wracking, honestly," Riley said. "The first win is always tough."

They began the final round three back and closed with a 7-under 65 in alternate-shot play to finish with a tournament-record total of 30-under 258 at TPC Louisiana, eclipsing the 259 posted by 2022 winners Patrick Cantlay and Xander Schauffele. Hardy and Riley were two shots better than Canadians Adam Hadwin and Nick Taylor.

"You're just rooting for each other as hard as you can to hit a good shot," Riley added. "Luckily we were able to do that. ... I was pretty nervous coming down the stretch."

Riley's previous best finish was a playoff loss to Sam Burns in the 2022 Valspar Championship. Hardy's best was a tie for fifth at the Sanderson Farms Championship last fall.

But with a chance to help one another take a maiden victory, "We both handled it very well, especially coming down the stretch," Hardy said.

Each takes home $1.24 million and earns a two-year exemption for winning the PGA Tour's only team event.

Hadwin and Taylor shot 63, tying the course record in alternate shot that was set in Friday's second round by Cantlay and Schauffele.

"I would say we're in good company," Hadwin said. "Once we got through 14, 15 and we're still 9-under par, I actually said to my caddie, I said, 'I want that record.' We had some good looks actually the last three holes. The putts kind of just didn't fall."

The Canadians' 10th and final birdie of the round on the 13th hole briefly gave them a one-shot lead, and they went to the clubhouse tied for first before the eventual champions birdied twice more.

"Heck of a round, 9-under, alternate shot," Hadwin said. "That's the most amount of birdies we made all week, and we did it alternate shot."

Wyndham Clark and Beau Hossler, who finished each of the first three rounds atop the leaderboard and opened the final round with a one-stroke lead, made their first three bogeys of the tournament — two on their final three holes — and closed with a 1-under 71 to finish third, three shots back.